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## SHIPPING.

### OVERLAND ROUTE.

On Saturday, the 28th January, at 3 P.M., from Mazagon.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s. s. BARODA, (1,573 tons, and 400 H. P.), Captain W. B. Hall, WILL LEAVE FOR SUEZ as above, carrying H.M.'s Mails, also Passengers and Cargo for that Port, Brindisi, Southampton, &c.

Cargo can also be booked through to Trieste, Venice, Odessa, Genoa, Naples and Havre, Liverpool or London.

No Cargo can be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing.

The Company reserve the option of forwarding all Goods shipped by their steamers for Europe, through Egypt, either by Rail, or by Canal in their own steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

Passengers are requested to send their heavy baggage to Mazagon before 10 a. m. on the day of the Steamer's departure, in order that it may be weighed and labelled previous to shipment.

A small Steamer will leave the New Dock Head at Mazagon at 3 P.M., precisely, on the day of sailing.

BRINDISI ROUTE.

The Company's Steamers now run to and from Brindisi instead of Marseilles.

REDUCED PARCEL RATES.

A considerable REDUCTION has been made in the TARIFF of CHARGES for SMALL PARCELS to ENGLAND, &c., particulars of which can be had on application at this Office.

Parcels will in future be received up to noon on the day of sailing.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay,
21st January 1871.

### STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. EMEU, (1,858 tons, and 300 H.P.), Captain C. G. Perkins, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 2nd February, leaving Mazagon at noon on that day, after the M.M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta.

No Cargo will be received on board after sunset on the day previous to sailing, and no bookings will be allowed for any chest of opium, the officer's receipt for which is not lodged in the Company's office before 11 A.M. on Tuesday, the 31st instant.

G. F. HENRY, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Rampart Row, Bombay,
19th January 1871.

### FOR LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(Calling if necessary at Falmouth or Plymouth to land Passengers.)

(To be despatched hence about 15th proximo.)

THE A 1 Screw Steam Ship ORLANDO, 1,437 gross registered tons, 300 nominal Horse Power, 1,200 effective, F. Dawson, Commander.

This fine steamer, which was launched in the beginning of last year, has lately undergone the conversion of the Royal Mail from Hull to Sweden under a Contract speed of twelve knots an hour, and which it is intended will be maintained on the present voyage.

The first-class Cabins are amid-ships, and arranged so as to ensure the greatest freedom from the motion of the vessel and the best accommodation. Her second cabin is also of a superior description, for 42 first and 36 second class Passengers, a plan of which can be inspected at our office. The services of a Surgeon and Stewardess are engaged.

RATES OF PASSAGE ARE:

1st Class to Suez ..... £30
Ditto Liverpool..... £70
2nd Class. Ditto ..... £30

exclusive of Wines, &c., which however can be procured on board.

Further particulars may be learned on application to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 24th January 1871.

### STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY.

(VIA SUEZ CANAL).

THE ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co. have established a regular service between GENOA and BOMBAY, by a monthly line of steamers (via the Suez Canal), leaving

GENOA on the 21th, and BOMBAY on the 1st of each month.

And calling at the following intermediate stations, viz:—

On the Outward voyage at Leghorn, Naples, Messina, Port Said, Suez, and Aden; on the Homeward voyage at the undermentioned ports.

PASSENGER RATES,

(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Canal.)

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | 3rd Class. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| To Aden ..... | £22 | £15 | ..... | 5/4 |
| Suez ..... | 26 | 22 | ..... | 8 |
| Port-Said ..... | 30 | 24 | ..... | 9 |
| Alexandria ..... | 30 | 24 | ..... | 9-10 |
| Messina ..... | 45 | 32 | ..... | 12 |
| Naples ..... | 47 | 35 | ..... | 13 |
| Leghorn ..... | 50 | 36 | ..... | 14 |
| Marseilles with transhipment at Genoa ..... | 52 | 36 | ..... | 14-10 |

Including Wines at Table. Without Food.

Children under 3 years, free of charge.

Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Independently of the above, the Company run Mail Steamers, under contract with the Italian Government, on the 7th, 17th, and 27th of each month, from ALEXANDRIA to GENOA, touching at Messina and Marseilles, and Leghorn.

Passengers by this Company's Steamers are allowed to break their voyage at any of the above named ports, and may resume it at pleasure by means of the Company's steamers.

Passengers returning within 6 months of their departure from Bombay by the Steamers of the Company are entitled to a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Fare.

Berths may be secured in advance by depositing half the amount of Passage Money.

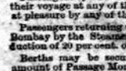
In accordance with the above, the Steam-ship ARABIA, 2,500 tons burden, Captain Crocco, will be despatched from Bombay on the 1st of MARCH 1871; but will be preceded by the Steam-ship INDIA, 2,500 tons burden Captain Dodero, expected to arrive on about the 15th February. The exact date of her departure will be fixed and published on her arrival.

For Hand-books of Information, Rates of Freight, &c., apply to VOLKART BROTHERS,
Agents Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.

Bombay, 26th January 1871.

### FOR LONDON.

(To sail about 18th proximo.)



MESSRS. GREEN'S favourite Passenger Ship MALABAR, 1,319 tons register, Charles Douglas, Commander, has excellent accommodation for First-class Passengers, and will be despatched hence as above. For Freight and Passage apply to

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 23rd January 1871.

NOTICE.—Consignees per Ship ARDGOWAN, arrived from Liverpool, are requested to DESPATCH BOATS to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective Goods; otherwise they will be landed by the Captain, without further intimation, at the risk and expence of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.

Bombay, 24th January 1871.

NOTICE.—Consignees per Ship NELSON, arrived from London, are requested to DESPATCH BOATS to TAKE DELIVERY of their respective Goods; otherwise they will be landed by the Captain, without further intimation, at the risk and expense of the concerned.

W. NICOL & Co.

Bombay, 21st January 1871.

WENHAM LAKE ICE COMPANY,
No. 9, MARINE STREET.

WENHAM LAKE ICE on SALE, Wholesale and Retail.

Pass Books for monthly credit accounts available.

TOBACCO on SALE at the WENHAM LAKE ICE COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 9, Marine Street.

GOLDEN ORANGE HONEY DEW, 1 to 5 lbs., Rs. 1-8 per lb., 20 lbs. and upwards Re. 1 per lb.

SUNDRY ARTICLES of American Import on SALE at the WENHAM LAKE ICE COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 9, Marine Street.

Kerosine Oil—best refined:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 200 Ash Oars, 9 to 18 feet long ..... | 5 as. per foot. | |
| 100 Barrels Navy Bread, 8,703 lbs..... | Rs: 10 | per cwt. |
| Platform Scales, weighing 1,200 lbs. ..... | ,, 125 | each. |
| Do. Ditto 500 ,, ..... | ,, 100 | ,, |
| American Union Scales ..... | ,, 30 | ,, |
| Cheap Tea Scales, 8 lbs. ..... | ,, 15 | ,, |
| Ditto 4 ,, ..... | ,, 10 | ,, |
| Post-office Scales, 1 oz. ..... | ,, 10 | ,, |
| Preserved Lobsters, 1 lb. tins ..... | ,, 6 | per doz |
| Ditto Oysters, ,, ..... | ,, 6 | ,, |
| Condensed Milk ..... | ,, 12 | ,, |
| Preserved Peaches, 3 lb. tins ..... | ,, 18 | ,, |
| Ditto Green Corn, 2 lb. tins ..... | ,, 12 | ,, |
| Ditto Ditto Peas, 2 lb. tins ..... | ,, 12 | ,, |
| Ditto Tomatoes, 3 lb. tins ..... | ,, 9 | ,, |

KEROSINE OIL STREET LAMPS.—The undersigned have in stock a large supply of Victoria and Washington Street Lamps as well as the internal parts of Victoria Street Lamps, which can be used in any ordinary Street Lantern.

The Victoria or Washington Street Lamps are in extensive use in Bombay, throughout the Presidency, and in the Native States. They are adapted for Verandahs, Gardens, or any out-door lighting where a lamp is required that neither wind nor rain affects.

FARNHAM & Co.

## SHIPPING.

### OVERLAND FREIGHT ROUTE.

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Bombay and Bengal Steam Ship Company, take cargo to Liverpool, London, and Havre, via the Canal.

Rates of Fare for Passengers.

To Liverpool via Suez Canal—1st class £50; 2nd class £30.....
To Suez—1st class £40; 2nd class £22 10s.....
To Trieste (exclusive of Transit)—1st class £53; 2nd class £34.
} Exclusive of Wines.

For Freight or Passage apply to Messrs. Stephen, Kennard & Co., London; Messrs. Tod, Kennard & Co., Liverpool; Messrs. Tod, Rathborne & Co., Alexandria; or to the undersigned in Bombay.

In accordance with the above, the Steam-ship NEERA, Tons 2,500, Captain Cousin, will be despatched to Liverpool on SATURDAY, 11th February 1871.

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.

Bombay, 3rd January 1871.

### BRINDISI ROUTE.

SUPPLEMENTARY MAIL LINE.

UNDER AUTHORITY FROM THE

ADRIATICO ORIENTALE COMPANY.

THE undersigned are prepared to issue THROUGH TICKETS from SUEZ to BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, NAPLES, ROME, BOLOGNA, FLORENCE, TURIN, SUSA, VERONA, CAMERLATA, MILAN.

Steamers leave Alexandria on the arrival of the Mail from Bombay.

The passage from Alexandria to Brindisi occupies only three days, and the through journey to London about 140 hours, making a saving over other routes of about 48 hours.

On arrival of the weekly fast Steamer from Alexandria, carrying the Supplementary Indian Mail, an Express Train is run from Brindisi by the South Italian Railway en route for London, via Ancona, Bologna, Munich, Cologne, Ostend and Dover.

The saving in time and the shortness of the sea voyage recommend this route to passengers.

RATES OF FARE FROM SUEZ, INCLUDING TRANSIT THROUGH EGYPT.

| | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. | | 1st Class. | 2nd Class. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| To BRINDISI ... | Rs. 140 | Rs. 100 | To ROME ... | Rs. 153 | Rs. 109-8 |
| ,, VENICE ... | Rs. 138 | Rs. 105 | ,, MUNICH ... | Rs. 206 | Rs. 153-0 |

For rates to other towns apply to

STEARNS, HOBART, & Co.,
Agents.

Bombay, 11th January 1871.

NOTICE.—Consignees per s. s. ORLANDO are hereby informed of the arrival of the Vessel, and requested to take delivery at once of their respective goods.

W. NICOL & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 23rd January 1871.

### OVERLAND PASSENGERS.

Gentlemen proceeding Home will find all that is requisite in the following detailed list; the Goods being made specially for the passage and Home wear:—

REQUIREMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| ½ Dozen Silk and Wool Shirts. | 1 Rug with straps. |
| ½ ditto Under Vests. | 1 Maud. |
| ½ ditto Li on Collars. | 1 Inverness Cape. |
| 1 ditto Fine Cotton Socks. | 1 Hand Portmanteau. |
| 1 ditto Fine Merino Socks. | 2 Overland Trunks. |
| 1 ditto Fine Merino Drawers. | 1 Clothes Bag. |
| 1 ditto Colored Handkerchiefs | 1 Travelling Hat. |
| 1 ditto White Cambric. | 1 Courier Bag. |
| 1 Overland Suit. | 1 Easy Chair. |
| 2 Sleeping Suits. | 1 Umbrella. |
| 2 Pairs of Kid Gloves. | 1 Pair of Brushes. |
| 6 Scarfs and Ties. | Ladies' Overland Trunks. |

Return Fares.—First Class Passengers embarking from India by the P. and O. Co.'s Steamer within six months of their arrival in England, and *vice versa*, will be allowed a reduction of 20 per cent. on the Return Passage Money.

BADHAM & Co., Apollo House.

## SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
5, Marine Street, Bombay.

SALE OF MALABAR AND JUNGLE WOOD TEAK TIMBER.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 3 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at the Mazagon Dharookhana and Tank Bunder, by order of Thacker Parsotum Mowjee, Trustee of Thacker Bhanjee Jewraz, Sewjee Bhanjee, and Damodher Bhanjee,

A large quantity of Malabar round and square teak beams, jungle wood, round and square beams of different sizes, and other building materials.

N. B.—The above will be sold in small convenient lots to suit the requirements of purchasers.

SALE OF TEAK PLANKS.

On MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 P.M., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the Tank Bunder:—

About 300 tons second class Teak Squares.

N. B.—The above will be sold in small convenient lots to suit the requirements of purchasers.

FOR SALE ON COMMISSION.

FIRST CLASS NEW CARRIAGES AND HARNESSES.

Barouches by Lawrie and Marner and John Barton.
Mail Phaetons by Laing and Melvin and Robert Ness.
Clarence by John Barton.
Brougham by Laing and Melvin.
A few sets Queen's pattern silver plated mounting carriage and harnesses.
Superior brandy, Rs. 15 per dozen; if 6 dozens is taken at a time Rs. 14 per dozen.

Bombay, 28th January 1870. CRAWFORD & Co.

BENNETT and COMPANY.
No. 5, Forbes Street.

WEEKLY SALE.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 28th inst. Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a large quantity of Gray and Coloured Piece Goods:—

90 handsome English Railway Rugs.
50 do. Blankets.
5 bales Hemp Cords.
17 boxes best green Tea.
10 Bales 50's Pieces Grey Shirtings 9 lbs.
20 do. 2,000 ditto Grey T-Cloths 5 to 5½ lbs.
2 do. 100 ditto Grey Shirtings 6 to 6½ lbs.

At 1 P.M.

A Gray Arab Riding Horse.

AUCTION SALE OF CARRIAGES.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, the 28th inst., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, the following Carriages just landed per s.s. *Delhi* from London.

A new Miniature Barouche, with Lamps, Pole, Bar and Shafts, complete, by Lovel.

A new Miniature Brougham, with Glass Shutters, Lamps, Pole, Bar and Shafts complete, by F. J. Smith, London.

AUCTION SALE OF CHINA SILK.

On WEDNESDAY, the 1st proximo, at 3 P.M. Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, in a godown, No. 42, at Mandvee, by order of Hajee Ismail Hajee Hubbib, Esq., and on account and at the risk of Khoja Mahomed Jaith, the Mortgagor, the following:—

53 Cases of China Silk, different qualities.
20 Bundles do. do. do.

AUCTION SALE of neat and modern Household Furniture, Plated Glass and Porcelainware, &c., at Malabar Hill.

On THURSDAY, the 2nd proximo, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence, at the abovementioned place, the neat and modern Household Furniture, Plated Glass and Porcelainware, &c., the property of the late G. S. Clay, Esq. Full particulars will be given hereafter.

No Catalogues and the property on view 3 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE of valuable and Handsome Household Furniture, best Plated, Glass and Porcelainware, a first-rate Piano &c., at No. 14, Victoria Road.

On MONDAY, the 6th proximo, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at his residence, at the abovementioned place, the valuable and handsome Household Furniture, Plated, Glass, and Porcelainware, Piano, &c., the property of James Freeman, Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property on view 4 days before the day of sale.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS.

On THURSDAY, the 16th proximo, at 2 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the G. I. P. Railway Station, Boree Bunder—

A quantity of unclaimed Goods.

Bombay, 28th January 1871. BENNETT & Co.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Now Ready,

BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY

The Bombay Gazette Overland Summary, prepared for despatch by each Overland Mail for Europe, contains, in addition to all the News of the Week, a specially-written Market and Freight Report, and a well-digested Summary of Events.

Annual Subscription (in advance) Rs. 12
Single Copy..... Annas 4
"Bombay Gazette" Office, Meadow Street, Fort.

Now Ready,

THE BOMBAY PRICE CURRENT AND SUMMARY OF TRADE,

Published once a week at the *Bombay Gazette* Office, on the day of departure of the Overland Mail for Europe.

The Bombay Price Current contains:—

A Specially-written Market Report.
Freight Report, &c.
Quotations of Imports and Exports, and Customs' Duties.
Comparative Summary of Exports from Bombay, up to date, as per Ships' Manifests, with the total for the corresponding months, and for the same period as far back as 1862.
Comparative Summaries of Imports of Piece Goods and of Yarns into Bombay from Great Britain up to date, with the total for the three months and the same period as far back as 1862 and 1869 respectively.
Share List and Rates of Exchange.
List of Vessels in Bombay Harbour on the date of publication, and of arrivals and departures of Vessels during the week.

Annual Subscription (in advance)..... Rs. 10
Single Copy..... Annas 4
"Bombay Gazette" Office, Medow Street, Fort.

PORT CANNING LAND, INVESTMENT, RECLAMATION, and DOCK COMPANY, Limited, (in Liquidation).—NOTICE.—The undersigned, in pursuance of the power conferred upon them by a Special Resolution of the Shareholders, passed on the 13th August 1870, and duly confirmed, do hereby MAKE a CALL of SEVENTY-FIVE RUPEES per share, and do hereby appoint and direct that Shareholders on the Calcutta Register do pay the sum of Rs. 50, as a first instalment of the said Call, into the National Bank of India, Limited, at Calcutta, on or before the 28th proximo, and that Shareholders on the Bombay Register do pay the like amount, into the same Bank, at Bombay, on or before the same day.

The undersigned will, when the amount of certain liabilities of the Company, at present unadjusted, shall have been ascertained, issue a further notice, stating what further instalment or instalments (if any out of the balance of Rs. 25 per Share will be required to meet such liabilities, and fixing the time and place for the payment of such instalment or instalments.

On the presentation of the Bank receipts at the Registered Offices of the Company in Calcutta and Bombay, respectively, an acknowledgment of the payment of the several instalments will be enfaced upon the Share Certificates.

MANOCKJEE RUSTOMJEE, } Liquidators.
SADANAND BALCRISHNA, }

Calcutta, No. 5, Bentinck Street, 21st January 1871.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

GRANT ROAD THEATRE.

THE PARSEE ELPHINSTONE DRAMATIC CLUB,

Will appear for the first time this season on

THIS EVENING, SATURDAY, 28TH JAN.,

When will be enacted Edward Young's tragedy, in five Acts, entitled,

THE REVENGE,

To be followed by the very laughable Farce of

DIAMOND CUT DIAMOND.

By the kind permission of Col. Green and the Officers of H.M.'s 19th Regt. N.I., the Band of the Regiment will attend.

PRICES OF ADMISSION.

Dress Circle (reserved) ...Rs. 5 | Gallery.....Rs. 2
,, (un-reserved) 4 | Pit..... 1
Stalls..... ,, 3

Tickets to be had at the "Oriental Exchange," opposite the Secretariat, and at the Theatre on the night of the Performance.

Doors open at 8-30 P.M.; Performance to commence at 8-45 P.M.

NEW VICTORIA THEATRE.

THIS EVENING, SATURDAY, 28TH JAN.

The Victoria Dramatic Company will produce for the fifth time their play of

"JAMSHED,"

To be concluded with a display of DISSOLVING VIEWS.

Reserved Seats, Rs. 3; Unreserved, Rs. 2; Second class, Rs. 1-8; Third class, Re. 1; Fourth class, Ans. 8.

Doors open at half-past 7: Performance to commence at half-past 8. A Band will be in attendance.

BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

A REGATTA will take place on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd February, under the patronage of His Excellency Sir R. S. Vesey Fitzgerald, K.C.S.I., when the following PRIZES will be offered for competition:—

FIRST RACE—Sailing Match for Ships' Boats, of any rig or size. No time allowance for tonnage. Entrance fee Rs. 5. First prize, Rs. 100; second, Rs. 50; third (given by the Commodore of the Club), Rs. 30; and fourth, Rs. 20.

SECOND RACE—Sailing Match for the Augusta (schooner) and Water Queen, Sea Queen, Cinderella, and Ianthe (lateen), handicapped. Entrance Rs. 10. First prize, Rs. 150; second, Rs. 75.

THIRD RACE—Sailing Match for Yachts, of cutter and schooner rigs. Time allowance for tonnage according to Club's scale. Entrance Rs. 10. First prize, Rs. 100; second, Rs. 50.

FOURTH RACE—Sailing Match for Yachts, of lateen and sliding gunter rigs. Time allowance for tonnage. Entrance Rs. 10. First prize, Rs. 100; second, Rs. 30.

FIFTH RACE—Sailing Match for Dubash Boats. No time allowance for tonnage. Entrance Rs. 5. First prize, Rs. 50; second, Rs. 50 by Mr. Maxwell's friend. If 3 boats do not start, 2nd prize withheld; 3rd, Rs. 30 (if more than two boats start.

SIXTH RACE—Rowing Match for 6-oared Gigs, Jolly Boats, or Ships' Cutters, limited to 25 feet over all. Entrance Rs. 5. Not fewer than four boats to start. First prize, Rs. 80; second, Rs. 20.

SEVENTH RACE—Rowing Match for double-banked Launches or Cutters. Entrance Rs. 5. Not fewer than four boats to start. First prize, Rs. 75; second, Rs. 50; third, Rs. 25.

EIGHTH RACE—Rowing Match for 5 or 6-oared Gigs, Jolly Boats, or Ships' Cutters. Entrance Rs. 5. Not fewer than four boats to start. First prize, Rs. 70; second, Rs. 40; third, Rs. 20.

The course for the Sailing Matches will be from stations at flag-ship to a flag-boat moored between Caranjah shoal and Oyster Rock, rounding it, leaving it on the starboard hand, thence round inner light ship leaving it also on starboard hand, and back to flag-ship passing between flag-ship and the hulk, heading up the harbour (once round). Vice versa for the second race to go round the course; all others once round.

The course for the Rowing Matches will be from stations at Flag ship to a Flag-boat moored about a mile or in the direction of Oyster Rock, rounding it, leaving it on the Port hand, and back to starting point.

The Sailing Rules of the Bombay Yacht Club (excepting No. 1) will be observed at this Regatta, and such additional regulations as the Committee may think it advisable to make for the occasion.

Entries and entrance money for the different races must be sent in to the undersigned on or before 5 o'clock of TUESDAY the 14th February, with particulars as to rig and tonnage, and the distinguishing flag intended to be carried.

HENRY MORLAND, } Joint Honorary Secretaries.
T. KENNEDY, }

Commodore's Office, H. M.'s Dockyard, Bombay, 27th Jan. 1871.

HIGH COURT.—

Ecclesiastical Side.

In the Goods of the late JAITHOO, late of Bombay, Hindoo, deceased.

MUGGONDASS JAITHOO, Brother of the said deceased ... ... ... } Applicant.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an APPLICATION has been made to the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, on its Ecclesiastical Side, by the abovenamed APPLICANT, MUGGONDASS JAITHOO, Brother of the said late of Bombay, Hindoo, deceased, for the grant to him of LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION of the ESTATE and EFFECTS of the said deceased. All persons interested therein are hereby apprized of the same.

MANISTY & FLETCHER,
Applicant's Proctors.

PURSUANT to Act X. of 1865 of the Legislative Council of India, entitled, the Indian Succession Act, 1865, NOTICE is hereby given, that all persons being CREDITORS of, or otherwise having any CLAIM against, the ESTATE of DADABHOY MANECKJEE VACCHA, late of Bombay, Parsee, deceased, who died on or about the 25th day of October 1869, the PROBATE of whose WILL was on the 19th day of February 1870 GRANTED by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to PERSEVERANCE HIS widow, SHAPOORJEE EVANJEE VACCHA and NANABHOY BURJORJEE VACCHA, the Executors therein named, are hereby required to send in particulars of their said Claims in writing within one month from the date hereof to Messrs. KEIR, PRESCOT and WINTER, Solicitors, for the said Executors, at their Office, in Meadow Street, in the Fort of Bombay, and that at the expiration of such time mentioned period the said Executors will distribute the Estate of the said Dadabhoy Manekjee Vaccha, deceased, in accordance with the terms of the will, having regard only to such claims as shall then have been sent in.

All persons indebted to the said Estate of the said Dadabhoy Manekjee Vaccha, or having property of the deceased in their hands, are hereby required to pay or account for such debts or property to the said Executors without delay.—Dated this 27th day of January 1871.

KEIR, PRESCOT and WINTER,
Solicitors, High Court, Bombay.

COMBINATION PAPER FOR POSTAL CORRESPONDENCE.

CREAM WATER-LINED SATIN,
Box of 5 Quires, Cash Rs. 3; Credit Rs. 3-8.

CREAM WATER-LINED SATIN,
with Mourning Border,
Box of 5 Quires, Cash Rs. 4; Credit Rs. 4-8.

VIOLET WATER-LINED SATIN,
with extra deep Mourning Border,
Box of 5 Quires, Cash Rs. 4-8; Credit Rs. 5-0.

STATIONERY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION ON SALE BY
FREACHER & Co. (Limited).

TO LET, the HOUSE lately OCCUPIED by Mr. ABRAHAM in Rampart Row. Apply to REMINGTON & Co.

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## NOTICES.

TENDERS will be received by the Superintendent of Marine at his Office up to 1 P.M. on SATURDAY the 28th instant, for the CONVEYANCE from BOMBAY to ENGLAND, via the CAPE of GOOD HOPE, of the INVALIDS of the SEASON, together with Men in health, Women, Children, Lascars, and Convicts, the probable strength of which more or less is noted in the margin. As far as is at present known eleven standing berths (exclusive of those for the families) and 28 swing cots, will be required for the Invalids. Cells will also be required for one Military Convict and two Pauper Lascars, Civilians.

| | Officers as per G. O. C. 285 of 1866. | Invalids. | Men in health Guard. | Convicts. | Women. | Children. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Madras Presidency ... | ... | 51 | ... | 4 | 2 | 7 |
| Bengal Ditto ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Bombay Ditto ... | ... | 43 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 5 |
| Convicts from Bombay Jail..... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... |
| Civilian Pauper Inmates ..... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | ... |
| Total... | 3 | 95 | 3 | 17 | 1 | 5 12 |

2. The Insanes will be placed under the charge of the Master of the Transport, who will receive (on his certifying the Insane to be such) for his kind attendance and attention on the Insanes entrusted to him) a gratuity of Rupees One Hundred for each individual handed over.

3. The Vessel accepted will require to be docked (if necessary) and undergo the usual survey on the 11th proximo, sailing from Bombay about the 15th February, and will be chartered on the terms of the last revised Articles of Agreement.

4. Tenders should specify the rates per head in Indian Currency, the ship finding fittings, provisions, and water, as well as appliances for making and baking the bread rations of the Troops and others embarked, the materials for making the bread rations being obtained by purchase from the Commissariat Department.

5. The Biscuit must be purchased from the Commissariat Department.

6. Two-thirds of the passage money will be paid in Bombay, and the remaining one-third on the arrival of the Troops in England.

7. The expense attending stamp fees to be affixed to Charter-Parties as well as to Counterparts of Vessels taken up to be borne by the Owners, Agents or Masters tendering.

8. All Tenders must be made in a Form to be obtained at the Office of the Agents for Transports, which will furnish further necessary information for parties tendering.

9. The Superintendent of Bombay Marine reserves to himself the right of declining any Tender without assigning cause for so doing.

By order of the Superintendent of Marine,
GEORGE INGLE, Secretary.

Superintendent's Office, Bombay, 18th January 1871.

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RITCHIE, POLLEXFEN & Co.
No. 22, Church Gate Street, Bombay, January 1871.

BYCULLA CLUB.—The HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB will be HELD at the CLUB HOUSE, on SATURDAY, the 28th January 1871, at 5 P.M.

F. J. OLIPHANT,
Honorary Secretary.

IN CHANCERY.
Re ASIATIC BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that a SIXTH DIVIDEND, at the rate of 9d. in the £ Sterling, will be PAID on and after the 30th instant.

MANISTY and FLETCHER,
Attorneys for the Official Liquidator.

18, Rampart Row, 23rd January 1871.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the POWER of ATTORNEY heretofore HELD by Mr. C. GRIFFITHS of Bombay from Mr. G. TRANDAFILLIDI, lately trading at Bombay and Manchester under the F. RM of G. TRIANDAFILLIDI, has been CANCELLED, and that all persons indebted to the said Firm, or having Goods or Assets in their possession for or on account of the said Firm, are hereby required to pay or account for the same to the undersigned, the duly appointed Attorneys of the Receiver appointed in England to wind up the affairs of the said Firm.

WALLACE & Co.,
Attorneys of the Receiver.

Bombay 16th January 1871.

BOMBAY, BARODA, AND CENTRAL INDIA RAILWAY.

CONTRACT FOR LANDING AND DELIVERING STORES AND MATERIALS.

TENDERS for LANDING and DELIVERING the CONSIGNMENTS of the COMPANY from SHIPS in BOMBAY HARBOUR for a period of ONE YEAR, dating from the 10th April next, will be received by the undersigned up to the 20th February.

All Tenders should be sealed and properly endorsed on the Envelope.

The Company will not be bound to accept the lowest or any Tender.

FRANCIS MATHEW,
Chief Resident Engineer and Acting Agent.

THE ELPHINSTONE LANDING AND GLOBE EXPRESS COMPANY.—LAND CARGOES with despatch at MODERATE RATES; Bond or deliver Goods on Bunders, Custom Houses, and Railway Premises in Bombay. Likewise Dispatch Packages to any part of the world. For particulars apply to

F. MOOLJEE & Co.,
Care of Messrs. Mockjee Thackersey & Co.,
Opposite the New Bank of Bombay.

BOMBAY RECLAMATION COMPANY, Limited, (in Liquidation).—A DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS of Rs. 75 per SHARE will be MADE to the Registered Shareholders on the production of Share Certificates on and after FRIDAY next the 4th instant.

J. G. SMITH,
For Self and Co-Liquidators.

Elphinstone Circle, 2nd November 1870.

ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

At a large MEETING of POLICYHOLDERS of the ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY and its ASSOCIATED OFFICES to-day, Mr. JAMES THOMSON in the Chair, the following RESOLUTIONS were adopted:—

1. "That the Policyholders approve and accept the scheme of reconstruction prepared by the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company, and now submitted to the Meeting, subject to such modifications as may be found expedient, and be sanctioned by the Court of Chancery."

2. "That this Meeting earnestly impress upon the Policyholders the importance of sending in their individual assents to the scheme as speedily as possible, so as to strengthen the hands of the Committee in carrying the same into effect."

3. "That the Policyholders consider it desirable and agree to pay the premiums due on their respective Policies to an account to be opened at the Bank of England and the Agra Bank, Limited, in the names of Messrs. Thomson, Bell, and Major-General Cunningham, three of the Members of the Committee of Policyholders, Annuitants, and Shareholders in the Albert Life Assurance Company; the premiums to be returned, in case the Scheme of Reconstruction should not be carried out, without deduction of any kind."—*Times*, 29th April 1870.

The AGRA BANK, Limited, is PREPARED to RECEIVE PREMIA on Policies in the above Company, in terms of the foregoing Resolutions.

EDWARD MORRISS,
Manager, Bombay Branch.

Bombay, 1st June 1870.

MAHARAJ SARAWUK JAENEE HINDOOSTAN BANKING AND TRADING COMPANY (Limited).

Registered under Act XIX. of 1857, Act VII. of 1860, and Act X. of 1865 of the Legislative Council of India.

Capital Rs. 250,00,000, in 2,50,000 Shares of Rs. 100 

## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

### BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

#### BANKS.

| Number of Shares. | Nomal value. | Paid up. | Last dividend | Names. | Cash Rates per Share. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | Rs. | p. a. | | |
| 100,000 | 100 | all | 3 p.ct | Agra Bank | 98 |
| 22,000 | 1,000 | all | 9 p.ct. | Bank of Bengal | 1,375 |
| 10,000 | 500 | all | 5 p.ct. | Ditto of Bombay New | 513½ |
| 15,000 | 500 | 100 | 0 do. | Ditto 2nd Rec. Issue | 128½ |
| 5,250 | 1,000 | all | 12 p.ct | Ditto of Madras | 1,500 |
| 30,000 | 250 | all | 4 p.ct. | Chartered Mercantile Bk. of L. L.& China | 240 |
| 70,000 | 275 | all | 12 p.ct | Hong. & Shanghai Bank | 360 |
| 40,000 | 250 | all | nil | Chartered Bk. of L. & C. | 350 |
| 27,000 | 250 | 125 | 5 p.ct. | National Bank of India. | 110 |
| 19,000 | 250 | all | 12 do. | Oriental Bank | 440 |

#### LAND COMPANIES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4,000 | 3,000 | all | Rs. 70 | Colaba Land Co. | 1,605 |
| 2,000 | 150 | all | | Prere Land & Pier Co. Ld | 155 |
| 750 | 2,000 | 200 | Nil | Mazagon Land | 980 |
| 4,000 | 2,000 | 1,400 | Nil | Fort Canning | 260 |

#### RAILWAY COMPANIES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ... | £20 | £18.3.0 | p. c. | G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock | 257 |
| ... | £20 | £9.15.0 | do. | Do. New £20 shares | 126 |
| ... | £5 | £3.15.0 | do. | Do. | |
| ... | £100 | 1,000 | do. | B. B. & C. I. Railway Co. | 1,100 |
| ... | £10 | £10.5.0 | do. | Do. New Shares | 200 |

#### PRESS COMPANIES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 150 | 5,000 | 2,850 | 250 p.c. | Akbar Cotton Press Co. | 2,360 |
| 200 | 2,000 | 1,400 | 75 do. | Albert Co. Kurrachee | 775 |
| 250 | 3,750 | 850 | Nil. | Alexandra Press Co. | 470 |
| 150 | 12,000 | 1,000 | 200 do. | Apollo Press Co. | 7,200 |
| 300 | 2,000 | 11 | 25 do. | Bombay Press Co. | 2,325 |
| 200 | 500 | all | 200 do. | Do. New Rs. | 680 |
| 500 | 1,850 | all | 300 do. | Colaba Press Co. | 5,800 |
| 250 | 2,000 | all | ... | East India Press Co. | 3,500 |
| 200 | 5,000 | all | 1,000 p.c. | Fort Press Co. | 9,700 |
| 300 | 1,000 | 1,000 | ... | Framji Cowasji Press | 1,000 |
| 200 | 6,000 | all | Nil. | Hydraulic Press Co. | 2,550 |
| 200 | 5,000 | 1,500 | 100 p.c. | Imperial Press Co. | 1,300 |
| 1,000 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 120 p.c. | Kurrachee Press Co. | 950 |
| 2,000 | 400 | 350 | 35 p.c. | Mofus. Press & G. Co. | 420 |
| 7,128 | 2,500 | all | 250 p.c. | Prince of Wales Press | 2,350 |
| 225 | 1,000 | 750 | 75 p.c. | Victoria Press, Madras. | 1,000 |
| 150 | 2,000 | all | 150 p.c. | Vimovelly Press Co. | 1,000 |
| 400 | 1,500 | ... | ... | Carwar Company | 700 |

*Per share for the half-year.

#### SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 450 | 2,000 | 1,700 | 50 | Albert Mills Co. | 1,375 |
| 200 | 2,500 | all | 125 p.c. | Alliance Spinning | 2,575 |
| 100 | 5,000 | all | ... | Bombay | 3,000 |
| 700 | 1,000 | all | 25* | Bombay United | 1,050 |
| 1,875 | 150 | 150 | ... | Broach Mills | 225 |
| 800 | 5,000 | all | ... | Dhurumsey Spinning | 2,375 |
| 750 | 4,000 | all | 150 p.c. | Great Eastern | 1,850 |
| 2,500 | 1,000 | all | 80 p.c. | Manockji Petit's | 1,130 |
| 900 | 2,500 | all | 80 p.c. | Oriental | 2,275 |
| 200 | 1,500 | 2,500 | ... | Royal | 1,725 |

*Per share for the half-year.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ... | 3,500 | 1,500 | 75 p.c. | Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation | 800 |
| 1,000 | 50 | all | 8 p.c. | Mechanics Fire Co. | 30 |
| 500 | 4,000 | 800 | 21 p.c. | Kurrachee Landing and Shipping Company | 170 |
| 2,000 | 500 | all | 25 p.c. | Treacher & Co. | 375 |

#### BANKS IN LIQUIDATION.

| | | Date of L'dation. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 500 | 75 | Jan. '66 | Bank of Bombay | 29 |
| 25 | 19½ | ... | Do. China | 1 |
| 250 | 2 | Mar. '66 | Central Bank | 1 |
| ... | ... | ... | East India Bank | 14 |
| 20/ | 13 | Feb. '67 | Indian Peninsula | 1 |
| 200 | 69½ | May '67 | Royal Bank | 5 |

#### COMPANIES IN LIQUIDATION.

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| — | 5,200 | 2,375 | Nov. '66 | Back Bay Co. |
| | 3,500 | 2,440 | ... | B'bay & Bengal |

| | 8 |
|---|---|
| | 10 |

#### EXCHANGE.

| On | Terms. | Rate |
|---|---|---|
| London | At sight | 1s. 10d. |
| Do. | 6 months' sight | 1s. 10⅛d. |
| Do. Credits | 6 Do. do. | 1s. 10¼d. |
| Do. Documents | 6 Do. do. | 1s. 11d. |
| Calcutta | At sight | 106 7/16 |
| Do. | 30 days' sight | 106½ |
| Do. | 60 days' sight | 99½ |
| Madras | At sight | par |
| Do. | 30 days' sight | 99½ |
| China | 60 Do. do | 226 |

#### GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Five-and-a-half per cent | 114½ |
| Five per cent | 106½ |
| Four per cent | 86½ |
| Four & half per cent. (Public Works Loan) | 106½ |
| Five per cent Debenture Loan 1866-67 | 103 |
| 15 years' Debenture Loans | 108 |
| 10 years' do. do. | 106 |
| 5 years' do. do. | 103 |
| Six per cent. Municipal Loan House Rate | 113 |
| Do. Do. Market Rate | 113 |

#### BANK OF BOMBAY.

| | |
|---|---|
| Government Securities | 4 per cent. |
| Mercantile Bills | 6 ,, |

#### PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sovereigns, each | Rs. | 10-8 |
| Bank of England Notes | ,, | 10-1 |
| Carolus | ,, | 220 |
| Mexican Dollars | ,, | 220 |
| Five-Franc Pieces | ,, | 203 |
| Bar Silver | ,, | 106-1 |
| Gold Leaf | ,, | 15-1 |
| Bar Gold 10 ozs. English | ,, | 16 |
| Australian Gold | ,, | 196 |

### CALCUTTA.—23RD JANUARY 1871.

The following transactions were reported to-day:—

In Government Securities—

4 per cents large amounts at Rs. 98-0 or 2-0 discount, and small sums at Rs. 98-2 or 1-14 discount.

4½ per cents, small amounts at Rs. 107-1 and 107-6.

5½ per cents, at Rs. 113-8, 113-10 and 113-12, and small sums at Rs. 113-14.

In shares—

Bank of Bengal shares at Rs. 1,345, exclusive of the dividend.

National Bank shares, on Saturday, at Rs. 101.

Allahabad Bank shares, on Saturday, at Rs. 101.

Tirhoot Indigo Co. shares, at Rs. 50 and 52.

Central Cachar Tea Co.'s shares at Rs. 86.

—*Englishman.*

## MILITARY.

ARRIVALS.—JANUARY 27.

Anderson, Ensign, 63rd Regiment, on duty, from Poona.

Fairbrother, Major, H. M.'s 25th Regiment N. I., on leave, from Dhoolia.

Graham, Major, Bombay Staff Corps, on leave, from Poona.

DEPARTURES.—JANUARY 27.

The following officers will leave to-day for England:—

Sinclair, Captain, 38th Regiment, on medical certificate.

Graham, Major, Bombay Staff Corps, on leave.

Rowlandson, Lieutenant, 24th Regiment N. I., on duty, to Deesa

### POONA DIVISION ORDERS.

BY MAJOR-GENERAL J. T. GRANT, C. B.,
COMMANDING P. D. A.

Poona, 26th January, 1871.

With reference to Division Order, No. 32 of 24th instant, Major Beamish, R.A., is appointed a member of the committee, vice Major Purvis, B. 9 R. A., relieved.

The Major General Commanding P. D. A. will take the annual inspection of H. M.'s 83rd Foot on Thursday the 2nd proximo.

### NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES ORDERS.

(*Government Gazette, N. W. Provinces*, Jan. 25.)

Lieutenant-Colonel J. Davidson, Deputy Commissioner of Jaloun, thirty days' subsidiary leave, to enable him to proceed to Bombay, with the view of obtaining furlough to Europe on medical certificate, with effect from the 15th March, 1871.

Mr. Robert Decy Spedding, Joint Magistrate and Deputy Collector, Banda, on special duty, nineteen months' furlough to Europe, with effect from the 3rd April next, or subsequent date, together with thirty days' subsidiary leave.

Mr. J. Blanchett, Head Assistant to the Registrar General, to be Deputy Registrar General during the absence from Head-quarters of the Registrar General.

The Reverend Robert Colquhoun, whose services have been placed at the disposal of this Government, to be Military Chaplain of Allahabad.

Mr. C. J. Lockwood, Assistant Engineer, 3rd grade, attached to the Saharunpore Division, having passed the examination prescribed in Public Works Code, chapter II., section 4, is promoted to Assistant Engineer, 2nd grade.

Twelve months' leave of absence, on medical certificate, is granted to Doctor Murray Thomson, Professor of Experimental Science, Thomason College, Roorkee.

Mr. J. W. Bartlett, Assistant Engineer, 2nd grade, is posted to the Agra District of the Rajpootana State Railway

## SHIPPING.

### DAILY FREIGHT REPORT.—27TH JANUARY.

| | | | p. ton. |
|---|---|---|---|
| London | Cotton | No ship | |
| | Cassa | ,, | ,, |
| | Seeds | ,, | ,, |
| Liverpool | Iron Ships Cotton | £2 12s. 6d. | ,, |
| | Wooden Ships | £2 12s. 6d. | ,, |
| | Myrabolms & Coir bdls | £2 0s. 0d. | ,, |
| | Seeds | £1 10s. 0d. | ,, |
| Havre | Cotton | No ship loading | |
| | Coffee | | |
| Overland | Steamers | £3 10s. 0d. | |
| Liverpool | via Suez Canal | £3 0s. 0d. | |
| China | Steamer Cotton | Rs. 10 per bale. | |
| | Opium | Rs. 25 to 30 per chest | |
| | Sailing Ships | Rs. 5 per bale | |
| Calcutta | Salt | Rs. 2 0 0 to 3 0 0 per ton | |
| Calcutta to Bombay | | Rs. 16 and Calcutta Port charges | |
| Mauritius | | 8 annas to 10 p. bag nominal | |

### ARRIVALS.

| Jan. | Vessel. | Commander. | From. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | Pearl (s) | Baldwin | Bussorah, Jan. 14. |
| | India (s) | Turner | Bussorah, Jan. 12. |

### DEPARTURES.

| Jan. | Vessel. | Commander. | Destination. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 27 | Ethiopia (s) | Scott | Aden. |
| | Mirbanico (s) | Smith | Liverpool. |

The ship Trevanion, Stevens, to Colombo, obtained her port clearance yesterday.

The following vessels began to load yesterday—

Ship Marsiana, to Liverpool.

Ship Sir Walter Scott, to Liverpool.

Steamer Lord Clyde, to Malabar Coast.

### MADRAS.

ARRIVAL.

Jan. 23 Burlington ... London.

DEPARTURE.

Jan. 23 Scanderia (s) ... London.

Passengers sailed per s s Scanderia—From Madras to London—Revd H. Brunsdon, Mrs. Brunsdon and Infant, Mrs. Brown, Miss Browne Captain Jenning's 2 children, Maj r R. A. Stewart and Mrs. Stewart.

## VESSELS IN BOMBAY HARBOUR.

FOR LONDON.

1219 Malabar, Douglas—W. Nicol & Co.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

1213 Bennington, Sherman—Farnham & Co.

955 Daphne, Cross—Stenhouse & Co.

1673 Duke of Edinburgh, Balmain—G. F. Pim & Co.

1273 Jane Law, Black—Volkart Brothers.

909 Khimjee Godowjee, Sewell—E. Bates & Co.

1260 Mabel, Wright—E. Bates & Co.

1267 Martiana, Macdonald—Rennie, Scovell & Co.

1120 Royal Visitor, Green—Owen & Okell.

1271 Sir Walter Scott, Shaw—Lawrence & Co.

FOR RICE PORTS.

906 Corinna, Rose—The Master.

914 Ellen Gondey, Ferry—W. Nicol & Co.

808 George Kendall, Kerr—M. Nusserwanjee.

607 Mars, Platts.

730 Mindora, Raisbeck—W. Nicol & Co.

609 Nord, Hemre—The Captain.

634 Ottawa, Robinson.

1187 Rescue, Messervy.

1499 Slieve Donard, Thompson—Volkart Brothers.

627 Woolloomaloo, Anderson—Stenhouse & Co.

FOR FALMOUTH FOR ORDERS.

256 Elizabeth Henderson, Gibbs.

679 Glenaros, Hicks—Forbes & Co.

FOR COLOMBO.

1283 Ardgowan, Kerr—W. Nicol & Co.

994 City of Amoy, Murdoch—W. Nicol & Co.

477 Trevanion, Stevens.

FOR COCHIN TO LONDON.

71 Ulcoats, Jones.

FOR CALCUTTA.

1047 Dinapore, Wilson—W. Nicol & Co.

### NOT FIXED.

WOODEN SHIPS.

1238 Forfarshire, Cleaver—Forbes & Co.

436 Florence, Luxton—The Captain.

1372 Golden City, Jones, Stenhouse & Co.

780 Napoleon III., Dickson—Forbes & Co. (Going into Dock.)

1166 Sandringham, Hamilton—W. Nicol & Co.

1132 Tim Whiffler, Cottier—Volkart Brothers.

1434 Westminster, Grose—Finlay, Muir & Co.

IRON SHIPS.

674 Dunlop, Burns—Owen & Okell.

1200 Java, Miller—Finlay, Clark & Co.

1248 Nelson, Rands—W. Nicol & Co.

FOREIGN SHIPS.

378 August Frederick, Brown.

779 Johanna Wilhelmine, Butler—Volkart Brothers.

### STEAMERS.

OVERLAND ROUTE.

1874 Baroda (s), Hall—Mails 28th January.

1942 Malta (s), Barlow—Mails 4th February.

2152 Poonah (s), Haselwood—Mails 11th February.

FOR HONGKONG.

1538 Emeu (s), Perrins—P. & O. Company.

LIVERPOOL VIA SUEZ CANAL.

1472 Bellona (s), Wilkinson—Wallace & Co.

1015 Collingwood (s), Hutchinson—W. Nicol & Co.

1118 De Ruyter (s), Young—The Captain.

1437 Orlando (s), Dosson—W. Nicol & Co.

737 Wellesley, Peters—Blay & Mackintosh.

### COUNTRY TRADERS.

384 Australian Packet. For Persian Gulf.
354 Bushire Merchant. For Mauritius.
425 Devina, Leask. For Hongkong.
816 Ismael. For Galle.
938 Louisa, Lever.
363 Prince of Wales. Not Fixed.

### COUNTRY TRADING STEAMERS.

697 Burmah (s). For Coast and Calcutta.
1304 Ganga (s), Child. For Jeddah.
581 Martaban (s). For Kurrachee.
681 Mula (s), Coates. For Aden.
604 Tilly (s), Hanna—Chunder Ramjee. Not Fixed.

### BOMBAY MARINE.

Dagmar (s).
Earl Canning (s), Tolputt.
Lord Elphinstone (s).
Hugh Rose (s).
Sir John Lawrence (s), Barrow.

ROYAL NAVY.

H. M. S. Abyssinia.
H. M. S. Teazer.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT.

Mauritius (s), Carry—Lawrence & Co.

## DAILY IMPORTS.—27TH JANUARY.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Ulcoats, 1 cask earthenware and 2 casks glassware, Soomar Bheema; 7 crates earthenware, Dhunjee Jairaz.

Paraguay (s), 7 cases paste boards, Ebram Budroodin.

De Ruyter, 7 packages hardware, 1 package haberdashery, and 1 package scales beams, Essabhoy Tyabally.

Sir Walter Scott, 10 crates earthenware, Soomar Bheema.

FROM LONDON.

Tagus (s), 11 cases champagne, R. Angus & Co.

Sir Walter Scott, 52 packages glassware, Sulamanjee Rujabally.

Duke of Edinburgh, 2 cases gilt-frames, H. Clason & Co.

Nelson, 11 cases biscuits, J. Moola Adomjee.

Orlando (s), 1 case jewellery, A. C. Gumpert & Co.

Sir John Lawrence, 28 cases sherry, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Salisbury, 12 cases claret, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Galatea, 6 cases sherry, Cutler, Palmer & Co.

Daphne, 25 cases brandy, Adurjee Dorabjee; 21 cases clocks, &c., Bossclet & Co.

FROM SUEZ.

Blythwood (s), 1 case American tobacco, Jacob Sawoo & Co.

## DAILY EXPORTS.—27TH JANUARY.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Milbanke (s), 45 bales cotton, Bhorabhoy Motichund.

Bennington, 25 bales cotton, Cursondass Chapsee; 40 bales cotton, Lalljee Gilla; 40 bales cotton, Vujasanker Ghulashanker.

Khimjee Godowjee, 63 bales cotton, Mathooradass Gooculdass.

Daphne, 107 bales cotton, Ladooram Gindee; 100 bags rapeseed, S. Tyabjee & Co.; 27 bales cotton, Bhorabhoy Motichund.

Collingwood (s), 18 bales wool, Callianjee Pitamber; 17 bales cotton, Bhicomull Luckmichund; 100 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.; 203 bales cotton, 97 Sigg & Co.; 73 bales cotton Essmail Rehemtoola; 80 bales cotton, Govindram Jaigopall 58 bales cotton, Mahomed Esmail; 45 bales cotton, Lalljee Enderjee.

Malta (s), 110 bales cotton, Muthooradass Lowjee; 50 bales wool, Hurridass Gangjee; 50 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee Touch & Co.

Orlando (s), 100 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.; 30 bales cotton, Peel, Cassels & Co.; 75 bales cotton, Dewjeebhoy Goolam Hoosan.

FOR LONDON.

Baroda (s), 31 bundles E. teeth, Bawanjee Vullybhoy.

FOR TRIESTE.

Malta (s), 50 bales cotton, G. Sigg & Co.; 50 bales cotton, Doongursey Gopejee; 250 bales cotton, H. Bomanjee Touch & Co.

FOR VENICE.

Malta (s), 100 bales cotton, Gaddum & Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Emeu (s), 802 pieces sandal wood, Rayem Alladin; 46 chests Malwa opium, Eduljee Framjee & Co.; 41 chests Malwa opium, David Sassoon & Co.; 40 boxes broken glasses, Currim Nanjee; 37 chests Malwa opium, E. D. Sassoon; 83 chests Malwa opium, Jasoram Kesunram; 32 bales cotton, Samruttiroy Rambux; 11 chests Malwa opium, Manekjee Nusserwanjee.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Emeu (s), 24 chests Malwa opium, Sensook Mookhund; 30½ chests Malwa opium, Goolraj Seenghanee; 15 chests Malwa opium, Gungadux Chajooram; 15 chests Malwa opium Dadabhoy Cowasjee Tata.

BOMBAY ASSEMBLIES.—SUBSCRIBERS are informed that the SECOND ASSEMBLY BALL will take place at the Hon'ble G. M. STEWART'S BUNGALOW Altamont, Cumballa Hill, on MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 9 o'clock.

RICHARD L. T. KEY,
Honorary Secretary, Bombay Assemblies.

Bombay, 19th January 1871.

### THE WAR-TELEGRAMS

WILL BE ISSUED FROM THIS OFFICE TO-DAY AS SPECIAL EDITIONS IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL.

## DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS ONE RUPEE, AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

WARDEN—January 25th, at Ahmednuggur, Mr John Warden, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

STORMONT—SLADE—January 26th, at Malabar Hill, by the Rev. J. Paton, Alexander Stormont, Esq., Superintendent Cotton Experiments, Broach, to Miss R. Slade, of Coleshill, Herts, England.

BENGAL.

DEATHS.

HEBERLET—January 14th, at Calcutta, Charles J. W. Heberlet, aged 22 years, 4 months, and 22 days.

ROSS—January 22nd, at Calcutta, of consumption, Robert B. Ross, Assistant to Messrs. Monteith and Co., aged 28 years.

MADRAS.

BIRTHS.

COURT—January 21st, at Tanjore, the wife of Captain H. S. Court, Staff Corps, of a daughter.

DUNCAN—January 21st, at St. Thome, the wife of D. Duncan, Esq., of a son.

NORTH-WEST PROVINCES, &c.

BIRTH.

MACGREGOR—January 21st, at Mozufferpore, Tirhoot, Mrs. W. Macgregor, of a son.

DEATH.

DAVIS—January 21st, at Lucknow, Caroline, the wife of Robert Davis, of the Sub-Medical Department, Retired List, aged 46 years.


# The Bombay Gazette.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1871.


THE late Mr. Thomas Brassey, as all men will admit, has done something to ennoble the name of Contractor. Read the brief account of his Life and Works, which we published yesterday, try to form a reasonably definite notion of his labours, and succeed if you can. The immense extent of Alexander's conquests and marches covered but a trifling portion of the earth's surface compared to the conquest and marches of Thomas Brassey, nay, even the Roman Empire itself was a relatively insignificant space, for the Legions of Brassey made their way into the distant Western Continent, and into remote Australasia, realms unknown to the lords of the antique world. Whether his costly works will last as long and strike as deeply into the soil of history as the triumphs of Alexander or the landmarks of ages left behind by the Cæsars is another question altogether. We only use this reference to the ancient workers in order to give a faint notion of the vast extent over which are to be found the works of one of the moderns. The bare list is a multiple of the labours of Hercules; with the advantage that not one item in the long roll is a fable or splendid figment developed out of mythic lore.

Perhaps the varied character of his works is more striking than the extent; for the world has long got over the idea of vastness, and thinks less of a voyage round the world than Cavendish did of a trip to the Cape Verd Islands. Mr. Brassey's life is a sort of epitome of half a century's material progress, that is, material change from one thing to another. He began to distinguish himself as a maker of turnpike roads, feeders to Telford's great highway to Holyhead; when he died he was a sharer in the labour of piercing the Western Alps, not for a turnpike road, but a railway connecting Italy and France. The interval between the roads in North Wales and the railway, between the mail coach and the express train, brief in point of time, includes the history of science as applied to communications, and Mr. Brassey lived through the whole, and was one of the most active agents in effecting the change we call progress. There are men alive still who were born before the French Revolution, who fought in the Great Wars which stirred the blood of our grandfathers, who saw the red coats of the English, and who have now seen the spiked helmet and lance-pennon of the Germans in the fairest cities of the French. To them the retrospect of more than ninety years cannot be more amazing than the backward glance which, by a poetic licence, we may assume that Thomas Brassey gave in his last moments, from a height of railway enterprise covering Continents, to his youthful road-making days when George the Fourth was King. And he died in his sixty-fifth year—a "premature" death—says a loving biographer; premature at sixty-five! The wonder is, looking at the continuity, the vastness of his enterprises, and striving to imagine the wear and tear of such a laborious career, not that Thomas Brassey died at sixty-five, but that he lived so long.

Great labours deserve great reward, and he won renown and piled up cash. But it may be doubted whether the mere motive of money-getting alone could have sustained him. There must have been a higher motive, a love of work; something of the spirit which scorns delights and lives laborious days; a nourishing satisfaction in the sense of power to do; a feeling that it was "better to rub than rust." Your engineer, your contractor, your man of science, need never fear the lot of Alexander. In their career worlds to conquer are inexhaustible; and blessed are they, even if they do die prematurely at sixty-five, whose hardy spirits enable them to bear up against the ills of flesh, and to work on to the brink of the grave. That Mr. Brassey was of the right stuff, the higher strain, is shown by his advice to youth, where he said, "That, unless a young man toiled patiently and earnestly in early days, when there is no inducement to toil beyond the consciousness of doing what is right, he would not later have the opportunity presented to him of toiling for more substantial recompense." And we cannot help thinking that the "barren" honours of his labours, and the consciousness of powers well applied, were dearer to him than the substantial recompense he secured; nay, that his love of work, the motives which made him do what was right, were, combined with his exceptional abilities, the very source and origin of the stupendous fortune he has bequeathed to his family. It is not the mere pedlar for pelf who comes to transact a kingly business on a kingly scale, and who reaps an imperial reward; it is the man who puts his life into his work for the sake of the work, and knows that such is the nearest and surest way to what the world calls reward. Depend upon it, Brassey's best reward at the supreme moment was the consciousness that he had, to the utmost of his capacity, worked always and worked well.

And even more than the extent and varied character of his labours, more than the motives which lie behind them, was the marvellous administrative ability of this man. We are bound to infer it from the uniform success which attended his ventures, not only in England, but in distant and untried lands, the rapidity with which he accomplished his tasks, the felicity with which he must have selected his agents, and the apparent ease with which he managed the stupendous and complicated machine. To command an army of 75,000 men, and deal with a revenue of £18,000,000, to make the minimum of mistakes, and to secure a profit on the total of transactions, require the possession of mental and moral powers very far above the average of able men. In his youth, it seems, he was not only an "indefatigable worker," but an "able penman," and a "good accountant." He did not tire as he grew older; we may be sure that practice only made the pen a still more facile instrument of thought, while the good accountant of 1824 must have become a master of figures long before 1870. Carlyle has written that Burns would have made a great statesman, and it may be assumed still more confidently that Thomas Brassey would have made a great public administrator on a broad field. Perhaps, however, he did better work than he would have been allowed to do under the restrictions of political life; but one cannot help regretting that there are not among our rulers, especially at this moment in India, more men of a similar stamp. It may be hoped that some fitting biographical memorial will be forthcoming to preserve a record of a career so exceptional. It is written that "no man ever made more railways than Thomas Brassey," and the life of so distinguished a Road-maker should have a prominent place on the roll of English Worthies.

THE Nassick dacoity case has terminated in the conviction of twelve of the dacoits, and their sentence to transportation for life. The Nassick police are now investigating another case of gang robbery.

THE services of Colonel Baigrie have been placed at the disposal of the Government of India. This, it is presumed, means that that gallant officer will before long be appointed to some fitting post.

THE Calcutta "Examiner" hears that a bill has come off the legislative anvil, and will be immediately introduced, for subjecting meat and other markets, and also slaughter houses, to municipal control.

A CAPE paper received last night contains intelligence of Dr. Livingstone. Two rumours had reached the Cape from Zanzibar—one, that the great traveller was dead, the other that he was alive. It is gratifying to find that the latter was the later rumour of the two.

IT appears from the official statement of revenue and expenditure that there was a net increase in the receipts for the first eight months of 1870-71 over those of the corresponding months of 1869-70, of £1,436,666, and a net decrease in the expenditure of £1,511,851, the result being thus so far in favour of revenue to the extent of nearly three millions sterling.

BABOOS ROMESH CHUNDER DUTT and Beharylaul Goopto, two of the four successful students who have passed the Civil Service examination, have been admitted into the Inner Temple, and are to pass in the remaining branch of the service examination in April, and to close their Law studies in August. They intend to leave England in September next.

H. M. S. FORTE, carrying Admiral Cockburn's flag, has come up the Hooghly, as far as Prinsep's Ghat. The "Pioneer" tells us that "whole fleets of dinghies, with visitors on board, are plying between the shore and the frigate, and there is a shadowy rumour going about Calcutta that some act of hospitality, possibly taking the form of a ball, is being contemplated to welcome the vessel's arrival. The Viceroy visited the ship on Tuesday accompanied by the Admiral."

THE "Pioneer" greatly fears all hopes of the North-West ever becoming a field for the production of first class or even second class cotton must be abandoned. "We hear on all hands of the unfavourable issue of experiments. Nature in giving to the climate of these provinces its general dryness and its occasional frosts has imposed too peremptory a veto. If this be the clear result from all the trials which have been ordered, we think it should be candidly recognized, and such costly experiments brought at once to a close."

"CAPTAIN PEACOCK, of the Viceroy's Body Guard, proceeds home on sick leave, and Captain Lawrence has been offered a civil appointment. It is rumoured," adds the "Indian Daily News," "that the command of the guard will be given to Captain Lockwood, of Lord Mayo's personal staff. The rumour is at least doubtful, as Captain Lockwood needs a change from India rather than in it. Lieutenant Deane, it is said, will be re-appointed Adjutant. Colonel Delane, who naturally winces under a command of three score and ten warriors, will probably apply for a corps of Irregular Cavalry."

THE investigation of Ameer Khan's case is going at Patna before the Magistrate. "The prosecution on behalf of the Crown is being conducted," says the "Indian Mirror," "not by professional gentlemen, but by several members of the Covenanted and Uncovenanted Service, viz., Mr. J. O'Kinealy, officiating Magistrate of Mymensing; Mr. J.H. Reily, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Bengal, Detective Department; and Lalla Isreepersand, Deputy Magistrate, Patna. Mr. O'Kinealy, who is known to the literary world as a poet and to the legal world as the commentator of an edition of the Indian Penal Code, is said to have a special knowledge of the Wahabees and their tenets."

THE following business was to be brought forward at the weekly meeting of the Viceregal Legislative Council yesterday:—

The Hon'ble Mr. Stephen to move that the final report of the Select Committee on the bill to consolidate the laws relating to Coroners be taken into consideration. Also to move that the bill as amended be passed.

The Hon'ble Mr. Cockcrell to move that the report of the Select Committee on the bill to consolidate the law relating to prisoners committed by a Court be taken into consideration. Also to move that the bill as amended be passed.

The Hon'ble Mr. Stephen to move that the Hon'ble Mr. Chapman be added to the Select Committee on the Bill for regulating to procedure of the Courts of Criminal Judicature not established by Royal Charter.

Also to move that the Hon'ble Messrs. Robinson and Inglis be added to the Select Committee on the Bill to define and amend the law relating to Contracts, Sale of Moveables, Indemnity, and Guarantee, Bailment, Agency, and Partnership.

Also to move that the Hon'ble Mr. Robinson be added to the Select Committee on the Bill for the registration of Criminal Tribes and Eunuchs.

THE "Pioneer" understands that the Governor-General in Council has declined to interfere in an appeal of Mr. J. H. W. Arathoon, barrister at-law, against remarks made by Mr. W. C. Capper in his judgment in Chota Lall Shaw *versus* Lyness. Mr. Capper, when officiating Judicial Commissioner in Oudh, expressed his belief that Mr. Arathoon's argument would be repudiated by the Benchers of his Inn and by every member of an honourable Bar. Against these remarks the learned counsel appealed first to the Oudh Government, and then, failing to obtain redress, to the Government of India. Not only "does the Governor-General in Council see no reason to interfere in the matter," but "His Excellency considers it most undesirable to interfere in any case with the discretion of judges in commenting upon arguments advanced before them by barristers: the exercise of such a discretion affords a check on impropriety, which is often much needed."

IT is said that the Government of India has in contemplation some further reductions in the Police Department by abolishing the Jail Guards. "It has hitherto," says the "Indian Daily News," "been the practice to guard the inside of the jails by the jail warders, and the outside of the premises by policemen under the direct control of the Inspector General of Police. The Government now intends to do away with the latter, and to substitute in its stead the old system of Burkundas guards, to be placed under the control of the jail authorities. The measure has already been carried out in certain districts experimentally. There are, at present, about 2,000 policemen employed on the special duty of guarding the jails, whose services are now to be dispensed with. The amount of saving to be effected is about two lakhs of rupees a year, out of which about Rs. 150,000 are to be disbursed on account of the pay of the Burkundases to be employed in future, the net saving being estimated to be about Rs. 50,000 a year. This proposition seems to have been originally made by Dr. Mouat, and approved of by the Government of India."

### PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. & O. Co.'s s.s. Baroda, Captain W. B. Hall, will sail to-day for Aden and Suez with the following passengers:—

FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

Major and Mrs Graham & child — Colonel Cannon
Mrs Vaughan — Mr J Drewett
Miss Pogson — Captain Sinclair
Mr J H Pearins — Staff Surgeon Major Cogan
Mrs Drewett — Commander Reed
Mr J French

FOR BRINDISI.

Dr M Thomson, Mr Pemberton — Mr W H Mackabor

FOR SUEZ.

Mr Y Jones — Lieutenant A S Roberts
Mrs F Moray Pingle — Mr Hamed bin Ali
Mrs Freeland — Mr Abdus bin Ali
Mr P Hall

FOR ADEN.

Mr W Potter

### SIR W. MANSFIELD.

PRIVATE letters speak of it as a widely-received opinion in London that Mr. Cardwell will shortly vacate the Ministry of War, and be succeeded by Sir William Mansfield, *who is to enter the House of Lords*. The telegraph has already given a partial corroboration to the above rumour. Sir William Mansfield's opinion will, we now know, be influential on the re-organization of the army, though whether he will give it as *amicus curiæ*, or with official responsibility, we do not know. It will be curious in the latter case if Sir William should really take a peerage. The difficulty of finding a seat in the Commons could hardly be a reason. No doubt there would be advantage in removing the Minister from the intrigues and interruptions of ambitious and talkative military members, but we imagine the House at large will hardly like it.—*Pioneer*, Jan. 26.

### THE GAEKWAR OF BARODA.

APPENDED is an interesting letter addressed by Colonel Barr, the Resident at Baroda, to the Secretary to Government, Political Department, with reference to the formal assumption of power by H. H. the Gaekwar of Baroda. It is dated the 24th January:—

"Referring to the 6th and 7th paras. of my letter No. 6-49 of the 20th inst., and in reply to your cipher telegram of the 21st, I have the honour to report that I proceeded yesterday about noon to the palace, where His Highness the Gaekwar's *moorut* was celebrated.

"In accordance with the intention I formally made known when the proposal to hold the ceremony was first communicated to me, and repeated yesterday before I started for the palace, I explained in open durbar to His Highness and all assembled, that I attended in courtesy to His Highness and not to afford any further recognition than what had already been accorded at the ceremony of the 10th of last month, when I announced that the British Government considered His Highness to have assumed the administration of the affairs of the State as Regent, subject to possible succession by a posthumous son to the late Gaekwar, should the Rance in due course give birth to one.

"With the entire assent of His Highness, I further declared that he also himself and unreservedly acknowledged that such son must be regarded as the rightful heir to the *gadee*.

"The explanation and declaration I delivered in Hindustani were repeated by my sheristadar in the Mahrathee language, and were accepted by His Highness the Gaekwar and all present with marked satisfaction at fulfilling his and their previous notions and expectations.

"An official memorandum of what occurred on this occasion has been drawn by my sheristadar, a copy of which will be formally sent to the durbar for record."

and not 'golden."—*Pioneer*.

## LATEST TELEGRAMS.

[PER REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## THE WAR.

BORDEAUX, 25TH JANUARY.

It is reported that Count Bismarck has positively refused a safe conduct in order to allow M. Jules Favre to attend the Conference. In consequence of this refusal the French Government will regard as null any resolutions for modifying existing Treaties.

LONDON, 26TH JAN., NOON.

No confirmation has yet been received of the announcement made by the *Times*, that M. Jules Favre had proposed terms for the capitulation of Paris.

LONDON, 26TH JANUARY.

It is the general opinion that the capitulation of Paris is imminent, and that the war cannot long continue after the capitulation takes place.

Bread is now issued in rations in Paris and serious disturbances are anticipated. The population are becoming very excited.

General Chanzy's army has retreated in great disorder to Rennes.

LONDON, 25TH JAN., AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton market to-day was firmer; Fair Dhollera, 6¾d.

Exchange on India, 1s. 10⅛d.

Consols, 92⅜.

### THE ALBERT LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I may mention for the information of parties interested in the Albert Life Assurance Company and in the prospects of the

## THE NEW DEWAN TO H. H. THE GAEKWAR.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Indu Prakash*, writing from Baroda on the 23rd instant, states—"Gopalrao Mairalrao is to become the permanent minister of Baroda, and Bhawoo Khedkar to be his secretary. Mairalrao has seen a good deal of public life, and fully deserves this honour. He is a man who spends annually a large amount of his money in charity, and it is hoped that he will not, through a hankering after pelf, be induced to do aught which will be prejudicial to the interests of the people. It is undoubtedly true that he is now an old man and should require one or two competent and experienced men to help him in carrying on his most onerous duties."

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, 29th January 1871.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 A.M.—Holy Communion, 1st celebration.

11 A.M.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion, 2nd celebration, and Sermon. Hymn 65.

5-30 P.M.—Litany.

6 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 181, 67, and 284.

The offertories to be devoted as usual.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, COLABA.

7-30 A.M.—Holy Communion celebration.

11 A.M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 160 and 200.

6 P.M.—Evening Prayer and Sermon. Hymns 146, 177, and 168.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, APOLLO STREET, FORT. [CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.]

11 A.M.—Morning service.

6 P.M.—Evening service.

Service every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, SONAPORE.

7-30 A.M.—Celebration of Holy Communion, with Sermon.

6 P.M.—Evensong and Sermon by the Rev. C. Gilder. Hymns 246 ('Gainst what foemen art thou rushing), 150 (Rock of Ages), and 67 (Alleluia, song of sweetness.)

Collections at each service for church expenses and the poor.

HARBOUR.

Morning Prayers and Sermon on board H. M. S. Semiramis, lying off Custom's Bunder, by the Rev. Wm. Brown Keer, Harbour Chaplain, A. C. Fund—to commence at eleven o'clock A.M.

## TANNA.

25TH JANUARY.

I AGAIN send you some stray notes from Tanna. It seems strange that a place so near to Bombay is not better known by the good folks of Bombay. Shikaris have, I think, but to be told that this is the season for them: they can get duck and other water fowl, not forgetting snipe and partridge, and hare and deer. To the more daring shikaris let me say that in the Salsette jungles they will find panthers and tigers. Some time since Major Raitt, of the House of Correction, shot a small tiger not far from Coorla. Again, our Assistant Collector and Magistrate, Mr. Mulock, (a great sportsman and shikari) has resumed his noble work of clearing the forests of these pests. Within the last month or so he has killed two and mortally wounded another large beast. Only yesterday he succeeded in killing a large tiger. Since his arrival among us he has done a deal of good work of this kind, and I am sure every cultivator is greatly indebted to him. The moment he learns that a tiger has been seen or has killed an animal, he is off in chase, and seldom does he return without success.

Judge Coghlan has just returned from his circuit in the Colaba and Nassick districts. I must not forget to say that he and Mrs. Coghlan sent suitable gifts to the Catholic school children during the Christmas week. The Assistant Judge, Mr. Cordeaux, has returned and resumed his duties. The District Magistrate and Collector, Mr. Sheppard, and his assistants, are busily engaged in the districts in their jummabundee work. Major Coles, the energetic Superintendent of Police, and his staff, also, are out in the districts.

We have had some rain, I do not suppose all over the district. It was just about one inch, still that small quantity flooded some of our rivers and has done damage to the grain fields.

The double murder in this town, noticed by you, may yet verify the old proverb "Murder will out." The police are on the track of the murderers. The railways and the boats are in these days so often resorted to by rogues, vagabonds, and murderers, that the police have often most difficult work before them. Besides, there are able vakeels to defend the prisoners, and often the guilty escape the punishment to which they are justly liable.

## GUSHING CRITICISM.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Having lately arrived from Kurrachee, I had an opportunity last Saturday, at the New Victoria Theatre, of visiting the performance of Jamshid, so favourably spoken of by the public. As soon as I with my family entered the dress circle, I was rather struck with the air of self-consciousness and superior right assumed by many of the handsome Parsee ladies that had assembled there to grace the performance. My eyes rolled from one side to the other in pleasing attitude to see a small circle here and a small there, seated in their full splendour of red, blue, and scarlet rich dresses which placed their beautiful features and delicate graces to such an advantage as would render them the objects of envy and admiration in the sight of a foreigner. I was really delighted to find the tender sex of my degenerated and fallen race rising under a benign rule by the favourable effects of mental and moral culture to that pre-eminence which my forefathers once proudly enjoyed. The next thing which attracted my attention was the superb decoration on the stage, which, aided by an exact representation of the splendid palace of Xerxes, represented on the dropscene, at once showed that an artistic eye was after their preparation. I was told that the proprietor of the above theatre is an enterprising young man who has had a great deal of experience in the native theatricals, and who spares neither money nor labour to entertain his visitors and patrons with a richer and higher sort of amusement than any that could be found in Bombay among the natives. In a few minutes the curtain rose, and an august procession of the Persian nobility and gentry in their stately dresses escorting the party of the mighty King Jamshid, entered the stage, measuring their majestic steps on the sound of music that preceded them in all its pleasing varieties. This was quite enough to make a favourable impression on the audience, which was sustained successfully to the last. Scenes after scenes followed with varied amusements, and in three hours I had placed before me the joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments of a whole course of life.

Surely I never expected that the play had such a story and the actors so familiar as to appear almost natural in their work. The audience was oftentimes led into an ecstasy of delight by a small chorus of young girls who chanted their songs with a voice admirably melodious, and our delight was once at its height when we were entertained by half-a-dozen of pretty little girls with a country dance commonly known among the natives as "Geriah." The drama had merits of its own, which ought not to be passed over unnoticed. The author, I hear, is Mr. Kekhosro, the talented and experienced editor of the *Rast Goftar*, a paper very widely circulated and very respectable. The writer seems to be a thorough master of the Guzeratee language and has a good command over choicest words and expressions. He is now and then humorous, which may seem offensive to a hard critic, but the audience derived a great fun out of his wits and humours. I had since this play was first acted an opportunity of perusing criticisms in several Guzeratee journals, but for the sake of justice I must say that criticisms unbiased by malice and prejudices deserve to be noticed, but when they appear given out for the satisfaction either of a deep-rooted jealousy or some self-interested motives, they fall short of real and genuine criticisms and lose their weight. This it seems the Guzeratee journals had not kept in mind. The only fault perhaps that I can find is the character of "Kakool," which is a congruous mixture of wise and foolish, natural and affected, awkward and graceful. But this perhaps is either owing to the blind zeal of the writer in making his character every way conspicuous or the person alloted with this part was not a fit person to sustain such a character. Notwithstanding this and some slight other defects the performance was a great success, and I take this favourable opportunity of congratulating the young author in the midst of his triumphs; and I have to assure him that he has by this not at all tarnished the reputation acquired by his popular play of Bezon and Manizeh. With such a popular play composed by such able a personage, together with the able co-operation of its present adventurous proprietor, there is every hope that the Victoria Club will make a fortune and a name. In conclusion, Mr. Editor, I have to request that you will be good enough to insert this in your valuable journal and oblige yours,

SIMP.

Bombay, 26th January.

## BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A SPECIAL general meeting of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce was held on Wednesday at noon—Mr. A. D. Grant (Messrs. Campbell, Mitchell and Co.) in the chair, the chief object being to consider the Insolvency Bill of 1870 now before the Supreme Legislative Council.

ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS.

The first business was the election of two firms proposed as members of the Chamber—Messrs. Alcen, Riebe and Co. were proposed by Mr. Lang (Messrs. Finlay, Scott and Co.) and seconded by Mr. W. G. Hall (Messrs. Nicol and Co.), and Messrs. Grendon Tippett and Co. were proposed also by Mr. Lang and seconded by Mr. Dods (Messrs. Hutchison, Dods and Co). On the suggestion of the Chairman both firms were balloted for together, and they were unanimously elected.

Mr. Kittredge said—I don't suppose there will be any objection to electing these two firms together, but it seems to me a very bad and dangerous precedent. There might be objections to one and not to the other, and all the members put in one ball, thinking only one firm was being balloted for. It is quite an unusual thing to ballot for two firms at one time

The Chairman—I must say I think the objection is a little ill-timed. I waited to see if there was any objection to the mode which I proposed, and it was very easy to put in the balls separately, as I did, and if I had found any black balls in the ballot box, I should at once have caused the two firms to be balloted for separately.

Mr. Kittredge—I did not hear the suggestion, or I certainly should have objected to it at the time. It is certainly very irregular, and I don't think the Chamber will say that it was good as a precedent.

This matter then dropped.

THE INSOLVENCY BILL OF 1870.

The Chairman then said—The principal business before the meeting to-day is the consideration of the Insolvency Bill now before the Supreme Council of India. The committee feeling that this matter was one of the greatest importance, considered that they would not be justified in representing the opinion of the Chamber without consulting the members separately, and they adopted the course, as you are all aware, of having copies of the bill struck off and circulated amongst the members of the Chamber, with a requisition that they would send in a memorandum approving or disapproving of the bill, or suggesting any amendments which seemed to them good. A great number of opinions have come in, very carefully prepared—very able opinions they are, and a credit, I think, to the Chamber. It has been noticed by the committee and others, with regret, that no opinion has been received from any of the many bank managers who are members of the Chamber. I cannot but comment upon this, as it seems to me strange that those who are so much interested in the trade of the port, and so much interested, or possibly or contingently interested, in such a bill should have failed to give any expression of opinion. The committee, when they received these opinions, formed a sub-committee as they considered they were too large a number to go carefully over all the minutes. The sub-committee very carefully prepared a report founded upon the minutes sent in by the members, in which they extracted, so far as they could, the essence from these opinions. I need hardly say that the resolutions which have been sent round to you do not express the opinion of any individual but are the general sense of the members of the Chamber, as extracted from their minutes by the special committee. In a matter of this kind, of course, we all have our individual opinions and crotchets, and where we wish to give expressions to a general opinion we must all be willing to give and take a little. The report of the sub-committee was presented to the general committee, and, after much care, they have embodied the opinion of the majority of the members in the paper which has since been circulated. In reference to this bill I am not going to make a speech for several reasons. One is, that I was not on that special committee and I am not so conversant with all the details of the bill and the minutes as some of my co-committee men who are present; another reason is, that I think it is a bad custom prevalent in this Chamber of allowing the chairman to take too much upon himself, and to have too large a share in the debates. I know that many men come to these meetings saying, "Oh, but us go and hear what the chairman has to say," and they take their opinions at the meeting instead of studying the subjects and forming clear opinions on them. There are just one or two things, however, I will say before proceeding to the consideration of the bill, and those are that it is exceedingly easy to find fault with a bill of this kind, and to find fault with special clauses, but it is an exceedingly difficult thing to suggest improvements. With reference to the main principle of this bill—the eight annas clause—I would merely say that eight annas is of-course an arbitrary line, but the whole principle of this bill is to have a fixed line, and if you make that line elastic you destroy the principle of the bill; and if you make it seven annas or nine annas, or any other, instead of having fixed sum, that fixed sum is quite as arbitrary a one as the eight annas one. With these few remarks I will leave the discussion in your hands. Mr. Bright, of Messrs. Wallace and Co., has sent in a notice to the effect that he will move a resolution stating that he does not consider that the principle of the bill is adapted to the exigencies of Bombay. You will see by these resolutions that it would be necessary to have a general resolution affirming the opinion of the Chamber on the general principle of the bill, before these general and special resolutions are put and I will therefore propose the following resolution—"That the Bombay Chamber of Commerce approves generally of the leading principles of the new Insolvency Act now before the Council of India, as set forth in the statement of objects and reasons appended to the Act."

Mr. Lang (Messrs. Finlay, Scott and Co.) seconded this resolution.

Mr. Kittredge rose to oppose the resolution. He said—Mr. Chairman, it seems to me an unusual thing in our meetings to have a resolution brought forward by the chairman, of which no notice whatever has been given to the members. A printed circular was sent round containing certain resolutions which, we were told, were to be brought forward at this meeting, and now we find an entirely new resolution brought forward, of which we have hitherto had no notice. I do not object to the resolution, because it brings us at once to the principle of the bill, which is the point I wish to have discussed, but at the same time I think it would have been more in accordance with our previous practice if it had been inserted in the circular that was sent round to the members. For the same reason I do not think we could discuss the proposed resolution from Messrs. Wallace and Co., inasmuch as we have had no notice that they were going to propose any such resolution. Of course any amendment can be brought forward on those resolutions in the circular, but I think this one should have been notified to the members. But before entering upon the discussion of the principle of the bill, I wish to make one remark upon the action of the committee, and I beg to do so with all good feeling, though I am going to criticise it. We are told by yourself that the resolutions have been drawn up to embody the general sense of the members of the Chamber as expressed in the opinions given in to the committee. I have gone through all these opinions very carefully, and I may say I cannot see that the resolutions have embodied in any way, except on the minor points of the bill, the opinions of the members of the Chamber, and this brings me to my next point on which I wish to criticise the action of the committee—that it has not been the usual course in my experience, and I think it has been as long as that of any one here, to ask the members of the Chamber to write their opinions and then call on them to discuss any matter. It seems to me according to common sense, and it is at least according to the practice in previous questions here, to discuss the subject first, and then declare our opinions. As you remarked, Mr. Chairman, this subject is a very difficult one; it is one that has been discussed in all countries for many years. But while acknowledging that it is impossible to get anything that is perfect, I consider it better if you have an imperfect law to keep to it than to have continual changes, and I think, unless the members are satisfied, this is a decided improvement on the old law, we had better keep to the old one. I come now, Mr. Chairman, to the consideration of the proposed Insolvency Bill. The Bill No. 26 of 1870 proposes to introduce a new principle into the management of estates of insolvent debtors in India. Under the present Insolvency Act 11 and 12 Vic., cap. 21, the management of an insolvent estate is in the hands of the Court, except when creditors wish to appoint their own assignees. The proposed bill will take such management from the Court, leaving it only a supervising power, and place the control of an estate, in all instances, in the hands of its creditors. It further provides that a creditor shall not, as now, receive discharge at the discretion of the Court, if he be a trader, after proper notice to the creditors, and if not a trader, on payment of one-third his debts or his getting the consent of a majority in number and value of his creditors, but the bill provides that no debtor shall receive his discharge unless a dividend of as much as eight annas in the rupee has been paid, or such discharge shall be approved by a majority in number and three-fourths in value of creditors present personally, or by proxy, and voting at a meeting. Under Part V. of the proposed bill, provision is made for a "liquidation by arrangement," and under Part VI., "composition with creditors," both being dependent on a vote of the creditor, similar to that required for a discharge without paying the stipulated percentage. The main principle of the bill, therefore, is placing the management of insolvent estates in the hands of the creditors. This principle was introduced into England only a year ago; it is proposed by the Hon J. F. Stephen to introduce it now into this country, and the question laid before the members of the Chamber is this:—Do you approve of taking the management of the estates of insolvents out of the hands of the Court, and placing it in the hands of the creditors of the insolvent? It cannot be denied that the idea of the bill is most plausible, for who can be supposed to be more suitable or more competent to look after the interests of the creditors than the creditors themselves. It is their own interest which they have in hand—if they are negligent, they are themselves the sufferers; if they do their duty faithfully, they reap the benefit. At first sight, therefore, the Act strikes one pleasantly, and it is only upon consideration of the Act, with reference to the people among whom it is to be worked, that the fallacy appears. Now, Mr. Chairman, this principle is not a new one to Bombay. Fortunately for our experience, though unfortunately for the reputation of our city, we have been able to watch its working, and are able to know, not conjecture, the result of such working. The well-known Act 28 of 1865, passed in compliance with the wish of the greater part of, if not the whole of, the mercantile community, which was in operation here two years, from the 1st October 1865 to the 30th September 1867, was based on the same principle as the proposed Bill No. 26 of 1870, viz., management of estates by the creditors—and what were the results?—(1) Often disorderly and sometimes riotous meetings, no one language being intelligible to all present; (2) meetings of creditors often packed by the insolvent and his friends; (3) trustees elected often the nominees of the insolvent and elected by his friends; (4) trustees, when honourable men, often too much separated by the position of their offices, and too much occupied by their other duties to attend to the estates; (5) great inconvenience arising from changes of trustees, on account of frequent resignation when the first and most remunerative part of the liquidation had been completed, and to such an extent that the High Court was compelled to make certain rules to mitigate the evil; (6) complete failure in the object of the Act, which was speedy liquidation; (7) general dissatisfaction after the two years' trial with the working of the Act, so that no one wished it continued. With such an unsatisfactory result of the working of the proposed principle fresh in our memories, we naturally look in the proposed Bill 26 of 1870 for something which is calculated to prevent the evil which appeared in the working of Act 28 of 1865. The question then arises—How far the proposed Bill 26 of 1870 differs from Act 28 of 1865 in furnishing security for a more satisfactory working of the principle? In Act 28 of 1865, the creditors elected trustees, not less than three, who, after the Court had been satisfied that "the resolutions were duly carried and that their terms were reasonable and calculated to benefit the general body of the creditors," received charge of the estate. Under the proposed Bill 26 of 1870, one trustee is to be appointed, and a committee of "other fit persons being creditors," "for the purpose of superintending the administration by the trustee of the insolvent's property," but the Court has no power to refuse sanction to the appointment, whatever objection he may have to the character of the men appointed. The only point left to its discretion is the security offered. Under Act 28 of 1865, there was, if I remember rightly, more than one instance where the Judge refused sanction to the appointment of a trustee; at any rate it is in this country an important matter. Except in this alteration of the power given to the Court, the two Acts do not materially differ in the matter of trustees, as under Act 28 of 1865, the result was generally that one of the trustees managed the property under the superintendence of the others, and the difference is not material between one trustee superintended by a committee of three, and three or five trustees. The powers given to the trustees in the old Act, and the trustee in the new bill (supervised by the committee) are almost identical, though in the new bill more words are used to express the meaning than were thought necessary in Act 28 of 1865. There are, however, two material points in which the Acts differ, and these I shall now consider. The first difference to which I shall refer lies in this, viz.—that while in Act 28 of 1865 the chairman of the first meeting of creditors, who was elected by the meeting (sec. 5), "determined the right of the persons present to vote"; in the proposed Bill 26 of 1870, "no person is entitled to vote unless . . he has in the prescribed manner proved a debt . . . to be due him; and the prescribed manner is to be the "manner prescribed by rules of Court to be made as provided in the Act," and not being laid down, we can only conjecture them now. In Part V., "liquidation by arrangement," it is provided that creditors wishing that an estate should "be liquidated by arrangement, and not in insolvency; shall prove their right to vote by oath (sec. 115, 2 b). I think it is intended by the framers of the Act that making oath should be the prescribed manner of determining the right to vote in all cases, both from this being expressly stated in part 5., sec. 115, 2 b, and also, because I cannot conceive any other method, naturally carrying with it any weight which would be feasible. An examination into the account of each creditor, as is suggested in clause 9, before the meeting would be impossible. Supposing that each creditor had his accounts in a state to be examined and that the debtor's accounts were also properly kept and rendered, who is to examine them, for it must be done by a responsible party? The new officer, the Registrar? This would be impossible. The number of insolvencies in Bombay the past year amount to 895. I am informed by T. B. Ferguson, Esq., the clerk of the Insolvent Court, that fifteen is a fair average of creditors for each estate, indeed that this number is rather within than over the mark. This would give in the past year 13,425 creditors' accounts to be examined before the meeting of the debtors. Take out of the year Sundays and holidays and a reasonable vacation, and we have 60 accounts per day to be proved. If it is said that I am taking an unusual year, I will take the average of the past nine years, and we have 26 accounts to be proved daily, or if we take the year 1864, when we had the smallest number of insolvencies for ten years, we have 16 accounts per day to be proved. When it is remembered that most of the accounts are kept in Guzerathi, I think it must be acknowledged that an examination of each account will be impossible before the meeting, and that the oath of the creditors can be the only means possible of "proving" the debt. The question then arises, whether this gives any real security to the *bona fide* creditors over the course pursued under Act 28 of 1865? In my opinion it does not, for oaths are regarded so lightly by the larger portion of the native community, that an insolvent who would get friends to declare themselves creditors, so as to vote under Act 28 of 1865 would find no difficulty in getting persons to swear to debts, were it necessary, for the sake of voting under the proposed Act 26 of 1870. I think it was the late Sir Matthew Sausse, who, in reply to the question, why the judges of Bombay did not punish perjury? said, "Why, we should depopulate the island by that course." It is not for me to discuss here whether a depopulation of the island would not be preferable to the course of our judges in allowing the grossest cases of perjury to pass unnoticed—but the remark shows the opinion of a high authority on the value of an oath in the mind of a native. The fact that the masses of the natives do not regard an oath as a European does must be, I think, acknowledged, and it is obvious that the proof of debt by oath will not be any real security. As I have shown that examination would be absolutely impossible, the proposed bill is on this point no better practically than Act 28 of 1865. There is one other point worthy of notice in which the proposed Bill No. 26 of 1870 differs from Act 28 of 1865, viz.—that the latter allowed a discharge irrespective of the dividend out of the estate, while the former limits a right to grant a discharge to the cases where either eight annas in the rupee has been paid as dividend out of the estate of the debtor, or where "a majority in numbers and three-fourths in value of the creditors present personally, or by proxy, desire that an order of discharge should be granted to him." Now, setting aside the facility with which in my opinion an insolvent would manage to get the necessary vote for the order of discharge, I cannot see that the "eight anna provision" will be any protection or security to the creditors. In the first place, the proposed Act 26 of 1870 gives the debtor three years' grace, in which time where may he not go? Again, supposing that he remains under the power of the Court, and supposing—which I do not think probable—that his creditors refuse to grant him the necessary vote for his release, there is no reason to suppose, judging from past experience in Bombay, that he will be put to any inconvenience—he can still do business in the name of his son, or his father, or some other relation, or, failing any relatives, in an assumed name. This is only what has been, and is, done openly and frequently here. It is in fact a course of proceeding too common and too notorious to require proof. The slight value which insolvents attach to a final discharge is seen from the fact that whereas under sec. 47 of the present Insolvency Act (11 and 12 Vic., cap. 21), an insolvent can apply for a discharge which shall protect his person from arrest, and under sec. 60 he can apply for a discharge which shall release him from all demands, and be, in fact, a final discharge. I am told that while all insolvents claim the protection given under clause 47, hardly any think it worth their while to apply for a final discharge under clause 60. But even this slight trouble will not, I think, be necessary on the part of the insolvent, for after three years time I doubt if a debtor would find in Bombay any other difficulty than to get together enough creditors to form a meeting; a majority in number and three-fourths in value of those present in his favour would be obtained without difficulty. In my experience, creditors think their time can be more profitably spent in other ways than in following up an insolvent after a lapse of three years, and I believe they would not take the trouble after that time to oppose the discharge of any insolvent—he would be left to get his friends together and vote the necessary "special resolution." I am confident that this would be the case even if there had never been any fraud in securing votes by manufacturing friendly creditors through false entries in the books. Another way of getting over the eight annas provision would be this—to borrow money, increasing both assets and liabilities. The only remaining points of difference worth mentioning between the proposed Bill No. 26 of 1870 and Act 28 of 1865, are the "liquidation by arrangement" under Part V. of the bill, and the "composition with creditors" under Part VI. Both of these are open to the same objections as the rest of the bill, there being no security to the creditors against resolutions carried in meetings packed by the friends of the insolvent. I do not see, therefore, that the proposed Bill No 26 of 1870 contains any special provisions which give it additional safeguards to those in Act 28 of 1865, which from actual experience was found to be so unsatisfactory, and I can only give my decided opinion that the proposed Bill No. 26 of 1870, if made law, would work as unfortunately for creditors as Act 28 of 1865. I would state further that in my opinion the weak point in the bill is in the very principle of the bill itself, viz., the conduct of the insolvent's estates by the creditors themselves when applied to India. This principle, however well it may work elsewhere—and it is still an experiment in England from whence the proposed bill was borrowed—is not in my opinion the right principle on which to base an insolvency Act in India, and for the following reasons:—1. The natives are not accustomed to public meetings, and anything like a fair representation of opinion at a meeting of creditors would be almost impossible in this country. In England there is a general acquaintance with the method of public meetings, but here the case is reversed, and very few would be able to express their opinions or even to vote intelligently. 2. There is no language in which a meeting could be conducted, which would be intelligible to all the persons present. The probability is that English being the language of the High Courts would be the one used at the meetings, but it is doubtful if one-fourth of the persons present at any such meeting would understand English, and in the confusion of translating and interruptions, unavoidable at such gatherings, there could be only confusion and disorder. 3. The books of insolvents here are, with almost no exception, kept in Guzerathi, a language with which no registrar or other official could be expected to be sufficiently familiar, so as to be able to decide as to the right of professing creditors to vote; and yet under the proposed bill the claim of creditors must be decided before the first meeting, for the whole management of the estate rests on the result of votes given them. 4 There are few suitable persons from whom trustees could be chosen. In England there are many intelligent, honest persons with small incomes, who have the time, ability, and integrity to manage the conduct of an insolvent's estate, but the case is very different in India, where almost without exception, Europeans have their own regular duties, which occupy all their time, and which they are, as a rule, unwilling to leave, even to watch over their own claims on an insolvent's estate. The same is true of the intelligent natives, and, with very few exceptions, the fact that a European or native is willing to take charge of an insolvent's estate is a proof that he cannot be trusted with it, for if he were a man of intelligence and integrity, he would have in this country other and better work to do. There are a very few honourable exceptions to this statement. On this point one of our solicitors, who has had many years' experience of Bombay, and who has seen the working of Act 28 of 1865, has suggested that the trustees should only be appointed from certain persons of known competency and respectability named by the Court; but this only brings us back to the principle of our present Insolvency Act, under which the assignee is nominated by the Court. There is, further, a great objection to trustees taken from the community at large, from the fact that they are so rarely, so far as Europeans are concerned, stationary here. Health is so uncertain in this country and communication with Europe is now so cheap and so speedy, that a trustee has no sooner gathered a little commission from an estate than his health requires a trip to Europe. These changes of trustees were found very detrimental to the interests of the creditors under Act 28 of 1865, and I see no reason to believe that the passing of the proposed Bill No. 26 of 1870 will change either the climate of Bombay or the natural longing of a European to visit his home. 5. The proposed bill affords no protection to innocent but unfortunate debtors; the bill by itself leaves the debtor in jail at the pleasure of the creditors; but even on the supposition that another bill similar to the "English Debtors' Act of 1869" is passed the impossibility of obtaining a discharge, except on payment of a dividend of eight annas, will oftentimes work very hardly on an innocent but unfortunate debtor. On looking over the list of insolvencies under Acts 11 and 12 Vic., published on the 30th June, I find that out of all the insolvent estates since the Act came into operation twenty years ago, only 39 paid as much as eight annas, and this is out of all the insolvencies under the old Act, amounting to thousands. However well this clause may work in England, I think it likely to cause great hardship here, from the fact that Europeans always believe that a native debtor has property concealed, and the natives are inexorable towards a European debtor. It seems to me, therefore, that the provisions of discharge upon a certain vote of creditors, which would mitigate the hardships of the eight annas clause towards an innocent debtor in England would be of no avail to such an one here, but would only cause dishonest debtors to obtain discharges by manufacturing debts and packing meetings of creditors. 6. Finally, there is no tone of public morality among the masses of the people in the country, and especially is it wanting where insolvencies are the most frequent. As popular government requires an amount of intelligence in a community, so does honest and faithful management of an estate by creditors require a fair amount of integrity among the creditors, the basis of division being a fair apportionment to all. This integrity, I regret to think, cannot be found in this country, and without it we cannot hope for satisfactory management of insolvent estates, except under the immediate direction of the Court. Thus far I have considered the Bill No. 26 of 1870 by itself, and have endeavoured to show that by experience of the principle of the Act as exemplified in the working of the Act 28 of 1865, from which it does not materially differ, and also from the principle itself, the proper working of which is incompatible with the character, habits, and diversified language of the people in this country, the bill cannot be expected to work satisfactorily here. I wish now to compare the proposed bill with our present Insolvency Act 11 and 12 Vic., cap. 21. 1. An important point must be borne in mind with regard to the present Act, viz., that the principle of the management of an insolvent's estate by the creditors themselves is not ignored, but is provided for by section 17, where provision is made that any creditor or creditors may apply to the Court for an election by the creditors of a trustee (or special assignee, as he is called in the Act), and the Court is instructed on such petition to appoint a time and place for such election. Now it seems to me that this is just the extent to which the management by creditors should be allowed. It is not forced on the creditors, as it would be by the proposed Act 26 of 1870, but is left optional with them. If the creditors feel sufficient interest in an estate and have sufficient time to attend to its interests, they have now an opportunity of putting the management into the hands of their own nominee. Further, under section 17, the right to vote as creditors is not left to the decision of a man who will be compelled to decide off-hand without proper investigation and careful scrutiny of books which he cannot himself read or understand, nor to a simple oath which will be of no value, but any creditor can be required to prove his debt to the satisfaction of the Court. This provision, by which creditors are allowed the management of the estate of a debtor at their option, is eminently wise, but it is a very different thing to compel creditors *nolentes volentes* to take charge of insolvent estates. 2. We are told that one object of the proposed bill is, that the property of an insolvent may be *cheaply* divided, but will the proposed Act work any cheaper than the old one, when, in addition to the cost of winding up, a special provision is made by section 31 that three per cent. shall be paid into the Government Treasury? There is still another important way in which the new Act will work less cheaply than the old. It is well known that in all liquidations many questions of law arise. Now under the proposed bill the committee would, for their own safety, refer these questions of law to their solicitors as suggested in section 30, and we all know how rapidly a solicitor's bill runs up. Under the old Act, however, the official assignee, a nominee of the Court, and with his office in the Court, would apply, in case of any point of law arising, at once and without expense, to a judge in Chambers. The point of economy therefore will not, in my opinion, be gained by the bill. 3. Again, under the old Act the Court has the power, and fortunately it exercises it too, of summarily punishing a fraudulent debtor. There seems to be no such provision in the proposed Act, the initiative being left, in case of fraud, to the creditors. Howlittle danger there is under such a provision is seen from the working of Act 28 of 1865 under which not a single debtor, so far as I knew, was punished while, during the time Act 28 was in force, many fraudulent debtors were summarily punished by the Insolvency Court. When we glance over the instances of summary punishment by the Court during the past five years, an idea is gained of what a failure there would have been in the execution of justice by the escape of guilty men had the Court been deprived of this power. In this again the old Act is superior to the new bill. 4. Still further, the present Insolvency Act being a Parliamentary Act is not confined in its operations to India, but protects a discharged debtor in any part of Her Majesty's dominions. Under the proposed new bill, it is, to say the least, extremely doubtful, whether a discharge under the proposed bill, if passed, would protect a debtor anywhere out of India itself. 5. A still more important objection to the proposed bill, as compared with the old Insolvency Act, and in my opinion a fatal objection, were it in all other respects perfect, arises if, as I have every reason to believe, this bill presupposes another abolishing imprisonment for debt, like that introduced with the new Insolvency Act in England. This is not an Act for the relief of insolvent debtors; it is an Act for adjudication, vesting and administration of the property. The insolvent debtor had relief under the old Act; he has none here whatever. He may lie for life in jail, for there is nothing to bring him out.

Mr. Wilson—He can't get in.

Mr. Kittredge—He is put in under the Civil Procedure Code.

Mr. Wilson—Only for fraud.

Mr. Kittredge—Yes, for debt.

The Chairman—Please allow Mr. Kittredge to go on.

Mr. Kittredge—There is nothing in the old Insolvency Act authorising imprisonment for debt, but this is done under another law; if 11 and 12 Vic. is repealed, there is no relief for a debtor, and that is why we must bring in an Act similar to the English Debtors' Act. This Act presupposes another abolishing imprisonment for debt, and unless this is intended, a debtor arrested under the Civil Procedure Act will be in jail at the discretion of his creditors; because the proposed bill only provides for action on the part of a creditor to liquidate, not on the part of the debtor himself. The proposed bill is not one for the relief of insolvent debtors, but for the administration of a debtors' property, and repeals 11 and 12 Vic., cap. 21. I think it is a pity that Government does not lay before us its whole plan on this point. It is impossible to avoid the belief that it is the intention of Government to follow the course pursued in England, and to introduce a bill abolishing imprisonment for debt. If this be so, it is a most vital point and one on which we ought not to be left in ignorance in considering the proposed Bill 26 of 1870, for I believe that the fear of imprisonment on the part of debtors is the only safeguard creditors really have in this country. Take that away, and what check is there on unscrupulous traders and fraudulent debtors? I believe it will be the general, if not unanimous, opinion of our solicitors here, who certainly see a good deal of what goes on "behind the scenes" in cases of insolvency, that the great protection creditors now have is in the power of the Court to order the arrest of, and summarily imprison, a debtor. Arrest and imprisonment are the things the natives fear, and to save their relations from imprisonment the undivided property belonging to Hindoo families, which is often the capital on which a native trades in prosperity but is rarely forthcoming in time of adversity, becomes suddenly capable of being realized, sufficiently at least to procure the release of the debtor from prison. Imprisonment is the only key which unlocks these coffers. It seems to me, therefore, that on all importants points the proposed bill is inferior to our present Insolvency Act, and I must go further and add that the intimacy I have gained with Act 11 and 12 Vic., cap. 21, by the consideration of this subject, leads me to pronounce it a most complete and well-considered Act, and one admirably adapted to the wants of the country, and I am convinced that if the Act has not worked satisfactorily, it has been the fault of creditors themselves, who have not taken the trouble to interest themselves in their claims, and thus infuse energy and interest in the official assignee. As a proof of the little interest creditors take, I am informed by the official assignee that he has at present more than five lakhs of rupees lying in the bank belonging to creditors who do not take the trouble to prove their claims. Under the present Act they can, if they wish, appoint their own nominee and attend to the management of the property themselves; while if they do not, as they will not, care to do this, there is a responsible individual nominated by the High Court who takes charge of the property, whether it be that of a cotton dealer with his lakhs of debts—we say nothing of assets—whose creditors might be induced to attend a meeting, or a washerman to whose creditors the idea of a meeting would be novel indeed. (A laugh.) I have two questions further to consider—does any one want the proposed new bill? and is it possible to work it here? With regard to the first question, it is evident that if any one's wishes are to be considered, they are those of creditors'; and their views are I think ascertained if we learn how many times creditors have availed themselves of the privilege given in clause 17 of the present Insolvency Act to apply to the Court to appoint their own assignee. In Calcutta there is not a single case on record. In Madras during the past sixteen years the privilege was availed of once, but in this solitary instance the assignees appointed by the creditors applied to the Court before the completion of the liquidation of the estate to be relieved from their duties. In Bombay we have had during the past ten years one instance out of 4,062 insolvencies, and no cases on record before. In respect to the wishes of the creditors therefore, I think it is certainly safe to state that there is no great eagerness on their part to take the management of insolvent estates into their own hands. And if they do not want it, as they show by their acts that they do not, why should it be forced on them? I come now to my second question, Will it be possible to work the bill here? In my opinion it would be absolutely impossible. The great majority of insolvents here are so humble in life and in occupation that the idea of a meeting of creditors would be only ridiculous. I called a day or two ago at the office of the Clerk of the Insolvent Court. On his desk were the schedules of insolvents from the last Court day, and he assured me that that day was a fair sample of all. There were 49 in all of these, 40 were declared by the insolvents as estates without assets or with bad assets only. The remaining nine had the following—Rs. 100, Rs. 145, Rs. 365, Rs. 750, Rs. 1,800, Rs. 3,300, Rs. 4,200, Rs. 29,000, and it must be understood that, as a general rule, assets are not understated. The insolvents were of the following classes—merchant, seaman, broker, muccadam, bill collector, carpenter, sepoy, hack buggy driver, fitter in railway company, priest, shopkeeper, dealer in firewood, stone cutter, butcher, writer, sweeper, courtezan, contractor, dealer in chunam, banker, compositor, vegetable seller, English writer, servant, cotton merchant, (unemployed), bricklayer, draftsman, inspector, seller of copper coins, cloth stamper, clerk, coach builder, metha, Guzerathi writer, milk seller, gunnybag sewer, dealers in stationery, chemist, recovery man, coppersmith, dealer in grain, trader in cotton and firewood, cart driver, morwa liquor seller, tin pot maker, piece goods dealer, shoemaker. (Laughter). I am informed, moreover, by the Official Assignee that nine-tenths of the insolvent estates have no assets at all, or such petty assets that they are not worth the trouble of collecting. Now, is it possible to imagine seriously, meetings of creditors of persons of most of the above occupations? And would not the attendance of most of such debtors "to produce a statement of his (or her) affairs, and to be publicly examined thereon," be simply absurd? (A laugh.) But allowing, for the sake of argument, that all the above is reasonable, and that the creditors of butchers, hawkers, courtezans, and hack buggy drivers will conduct themselves with propriety and intelligence at a public meeting, even though conducted in a language they cannot understand, who is to preside at all these meetings?—who decide upon the right to vote?—and where are trustees to be found to liquidate estates without assets? There must be, then, a machinery for the care of these estates, which are too small or present at first sight too few assets to induce any competent trustee to take charge of under any promised percentage on the realized assets. Such estates must be liquidated, and the assets, whatever they may be, realized for the benefit of the creditors; otherwise a great door is opened at once to fraud. Such a machinery must resemble that in operation under the old Insolvency Act, and with it we come back to the principle itself of the old Act, where there is a machinery for all estates, while creditors can, if they wish, appoint their own trustees. Again, the number of insolvencies here is too large. I find that the comparative statement of schedules filed in Bombay and in Calcutta during the last ten years was as follows—

| | Calcutta. | | Bombay. |
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| 1861 | 100 | | 335 |
| 1863 | 115 | | 303 |
| 1863 | 82 | | 299 |
| 1864 | 77 | | 294 |
| 1865 | 83 | | 341 |
| 1866 | 107 | | 447 |
| 1867 | 101 | | 577 |
| 1868 

## THE CANADIAN FISHERIES QUESTION.

(FROM THE "DAILY NEWS" CORRESPONDENT.)

TORONTO, Dec. 15.

As you have always taken so deep an interest in colonial affairs, and all matters affecting the relations of Great Britain and her American colonies with the United States, perhaps you will allow me briefly, and from a Canadian point of view, to state our case as regards those questions of free navigation and free fisheries raised by President Grant in his late Message. I may begin by saying that much more anxiety is felt here to know what tone the British Government and press may adopt in the circumstances than as to the result of the Presidential threats or warnings. In the protection of the Fisheries, Great Britain and Canada have a common share and interest. Our little fleet of half-a-dozen cutters are but an auxiliary force—a coast police in fact—the Queen's gunboats being the principal actors in the proceedings of which General Grant complains.

However much Canadian commere might for the moment be inconvenienced by the threatened abolition of the bonding system or the exclusion of Canadian vessels from American ports (why not British vessels, too, Mr. President, mail packets and immigrant steamers included ?), in the end Canada would gain rather than lose by these high-handed proceedings. Not only would the intercolonial railway be pushed forward with energy, but the direct line from St. John, New Brunswick, to Rivière du Loup would be rapidly constructed. Every industry in Canada is just now prospering and in good heart for a bold enterprising policy. The results of the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty would be again experienced in the stimulus given to the public spirit of the people, and—with, perhaps, a trifle more to pay for our imported goods—we should rub on until we had connected our great commercial centres with some of the finest harbours in the world, open all the year round, and until our ships, very few of which visit American ports, were freighted for other markets. But it is really not believed in Canada that the President's proposed measures will be adopted. People think he has been the victim of some party pressure, and, through ignorance of the facts of the case, made himself appear both undignified and ridiculous. Take for instance his reference to the Treaty of 1818. He employs phraseology not in the treaty at all, jumbles together the Dominion Statute and the language of the treaty, protests against provisions in the latter as though they were clauses of a Canadian municipal regulation, and, finally, condemns in express terms an enactment to which only last summer the Secretary of the United States Treasury called the attention of the fishermen, warning them that they would infringe it at their peril, and must expect, if they did so, no protection from their own Government.

Again, as I need not remind the youngest of your readers, the "free navigation" of the St. Lawrence is a geographical impossibility. Many of the American papers admit the folly of such a suggestion. If, after performing the feat of shooting Niagara, some craft from the Western lakes passed over the succession of rapids between Kingston and Montreal in safety, to return would be quite impossible. "Free navigation" means, therefore, that Canada should have made and keep in repair from the Welland to the Lachine a succession of canals for the free use and benefit of a nation that will not admit a single article of Canadian production to pass its frontier, except under the highest protective, and, in many instances, practically prohibitory duties. Give us, however, a fair commercial equivalent, and not only will the Western States be able freely to use our canals, but we shall be willing to enlarge and improve them to their utmost capacity. The Canadians, who in the main are free traders, would like nothing better.

But surely, they say, if no new policy has been adopted as to the navigation of the St. Lawrence, and as not one case of fishery seizure has formed the ground of protest, it would have been diplomatically wise and internationally courteous had President Grant proposed some fair settlement before fulminating his threats against a country that is not even a principal in the controversy. And it is the way in which the assault has been made which compels the conclusion that the act is one of the leader of a party rather than a statesman; a bid for popularity, not a serious effort to gain a national advantage. It comes too close upon General Butler's wild tirades, and is too much like them in its tone to induce the Canadians to imagine that Congress after due reflection will adopt it as a policy.

Perhaps, however, there are those who think that a certain harshness has characterised the proceedings of the Canadian Government in dealing with the American fishing craft. Not one vessel has been condemned that has not been caught clearly and unquestionably violating the law, nor has the judgment of the courts been challenged in any particular. Besides, as all British North America is not Canadian territory—the most noticeable exceptions being Newfoundland and Prince Edward's Island, with their great fishing grounds—and as some of the captures have been made by British gunboats on the coast of the last-named colony, it is monstrous that the President should complain against a dependency he hardly recognises officially, and overlook his equal in national power and prerogative—Great Britain. The truth is, however, that the regulations are not a bit more stringent than the experience of several years proved to be necessary. The long continued privilege of free fishing during the time the treaty was in force, the existence of a licensing system which some respected and some did not, and the natural negligent guardianship of the coast by the British gunboats, whose visits were very infrequent, gave great encouragement to the reckless and not very law-abiding race of American fishermen to evade the regulations, or set them openly at defiance. They frequently robbed the Canadian nets, fished indiscriminately, fouled the spawning beds with offal, and even on shore, when they landed to dry and cure their fish, committed acts of violence and outrage. At length, in the spring of this year, the Government was compelled to act vigorously. The Dominion cruisers before-mentioned were fitted out to patrol the coast, and more vigilance were exercised by the British naval authorities. At the same time the twenty-four hours' notice formerly given to trespassers was abolished, and they were liable to be seized on the spot, like smugglers or any other violators of municipal rights. If my memory serves me, a very similar practice prevails at home as to French or English fishermen caught within the three-mile limits. Let it be remembered, too, that the fisheries are the sole means of support of the hardy race on our Atlantic seaboard.

It can never be other than the interest of England and Canada to encourage by all legitimate means an industry that serves so good a purpose as the nursery of sailors for our mercantile marine or navy. Great Britain is hardly so free from all chance of European complications as to despise anything that tends to her naval supremacy. The results of the protection granted to the fishermen has been successful beyond anticipation. For many a day they have had no such captures as those of the last season. Ill-will and conflicts between the Americans and Canadians are avoided, and the former having their own splendid coast line of their calling, should not begrudge us the peaceable possession of ours. I should, however, do our people great injustice if I were not to add that they recognise to the fullest extent the folly of needlessly provoking their powerful neighbour by any vexatious or harassing measures. It is quite true that some of our public men annoyed at the very obstructive fiscal policy of the United States, have talked of retaliatory tariffs; but this has been generally deprecated, and, although duties have been imposed on American coal, and some other imports hitherto admitted free, they have had no other effect than to put a little more money into the Canadian exchequer. In fact, the 50 per cent coal duty has not excluded one ounce of that necessary article imported, nor brought to Upper Canada a single ton more from Nova Scotia. At this moment, one universal sentiment of attachment to Great Britain pervades the whole country. At no time would Canada be more ready to make sacrifices on behalf of that connection. Let it but be understood that England will meet the United States with proper spirit, and Canada, whilst ready to bear any evils President Grant may unwisely inflict upon her, will still cheerfully concede anything just to her own people, and for which he offers a fair equivalent.

## OLD ENGLISH WARFARE IN FRANCE.

The present operations of the Germans in the northern districts of France cover pretty much the same ground which was covered by the operations of the English about four centuries and a half ago. Sir Harris Nicolas, in his "History of the Battle of Agincourt," has given a detailed account derived from contemporary records of the expedition of the French history conducted under Henry V. and the Earl of Shrewsbury in 1415. Among other things, he has preserved the "General Orders" both of Henry and of Shrewsbury. It appears that the English army was attended by a regular commissariat. It was provided with its own beef and beer, and it encouraged nothing in the way of contributions from the inhabitants except bread and wine. The commanders "on payne of smytynge of the head" prohibit all outrage on women, wanton destruction of property, and unnecessary bloodshed. It is, for example, ordered :—

"That no man be so hardy to take from no man going to the plough, harowes, or cart, hors, mare, nor oxe, nor nor other beste longinge to labour within the King's obeysaunce without loning and bedinge and grede the partye upon payne of death, and that no man give none impedyment to no man of labour.

"That no man forale in the country appatised, but it be hays, otes, rye, and other necessary vitailles, nor that no man geve unto his horse no wheate nor to gader none, but if it be only to make brede of, and if the said forairs take any beastaile for their sustenance that they take reasonably and to make no waste, nor for to devour nor destroye no vitailles, and also that the saide forairs take nor stell no great oxen, ne no mylche keene, but small beastaile, and that they accord with the partie upon the payne aforesaide.

"That no maner of man bete downe housing to barne, ne nor aple tres, pore tres, not tres, ne no other tres bering frute, nor that no man put no best into vynes, nor drawe up the stakes of same vynes.

"That no maner of man be so hardy to goe into no chamber or lodging wher that any woman lieth in gesem (child birth) her to robbe ne pille of no goods the whiche longeth to her refresheing, ne for to make non affray wher through she and her childe might be in any disease or despere, upon payne that he that in suche wise offendeth shall losse all his goods, helf unto him that accuse.h him and half unto the constable and marshall, and himself to be dede but if the King give him his grace."

We commend these, and the other general orders in Sir Harris Nicolas's collection, to the perusal and emulation of the pious, tearful, and victorious King or Kaiser at Versailles.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

## THE "GOOD CLERK."

We would suggest to the directors of the Union Bank of London that an appropriate New Year's gift to the young men in their employ might consist of Elia's portraiture of "The Good Clerk," wherein is depicted just the sort of dependant they require :—

'He marrieth or marrieth not, as best suiteth with his employer's views. Some merchants do the rather desire to have married men in their counting-houses, because they think the married state a pledge for their servant's integrity and an incitement to them to be industrious; and it was an observation of a late Lord Mayor of London that the sons of clerks do generally prove clerks themselves, and that merchants encouraging persons in their employ to marry and to have families was the best method of securing a breed of sober, industrious young men attached to the mecantile interest. Be this as it may, such a character as we have been describing will wait till the pleasure of this employer is known on this point, and regulateth his desires by the custom of the house or firm to which he belongeth.'

Charles Lamb would not have rebelled against the principles of what has been called "Multhusian Banking," but the fines for unpunctuality would have made sad havoc with his salary. Of course his ideal clerk fears no chronometer.

'He riseth early in the morning; not because early rising conduceth to health (though he doth not altogether despise that consideration) but chiefly to the intent that he may be first at the desk. There is his post—there he delighteth to be, unless when his meals or necessity calleth him away: which time he always esteemeth as lost, and maketh as short as possible.'

Happy the directors who are blessed with clerks so readily moulded to their employers' requirements, and happy the clerks who are able to lookto their directors not only for the means of support but also for maternal advice !—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

## THE PRUSSIAN CAVALRY.

(FROM THE MILITARY CORRESPONDENT OF THE "TIMES.")

HEAD-QUARTERS OF SECOND ARMY, ORLEANS, Dec. 22.

All is quiet in the lines of Prince Frederick Charles. For the moment no movement of any importance is being made, and the General who has won so many offensive battles now awaits the attack of the French. Winter is upon us again with all its treacherous cruelty. Yesterday was cold and dreary. Last night frost came and seized the earth, and this morning the snow-flakes are whirled through the biting air by a strong wind. The sudden changes from frost to soft weather, and back again to frost and snow, render military operations difficult. A thaw breaks up all the roads, except the central *chaussee* of the great lines of communication, and returning frost causes even them to become so slippery that horses can hardly pass along them, and it is no easy task to "rough" the horse-shoes of a whole army. Yet the Prussian cavalry, artillery, and train manage to move, though with care, and not quickly, for the horses are trained like the men to hardihood, and to act for themselves. Our English horses are fine, well shaped creatures, carefully tended, and kept in the perfection of cleanliness, but it must be confessed that they are not capable of the continual rough work with scanty forage performed day by day without difficulty by the ubiquitous Prussian cavalry. To take an instance, the 5th Dragoons have been in daily "feeling" with the enemy from the 15th of July till now, whenever the enemy could be "felt." They have, of course, lost many men and many horses, but a constant stream from their depôt in Germany has kept up the supply. From the 15th of November to the 20th of December the horses were never but once unsaddled at night. This is real war.

The district corps organization applies to cavalry as well as infantry and artillery in peace, though it has to be modified, because not all districts are equally full of horses and horsemen. As each man knows his regiment and his corps, which are always near him, so are the country horses told off to regiments which can claim them in case of war. It does not follow that they are always claimed. When time permits horses are bought in foreign countries as well as in Germany. Only in case of need animals enough are always available, their price being assessed by a mixed commission of military and civilian.

Exclusive of Guards, the Saxon cavalry, and the South Germans, of whose numbers I am not quite certain, there are 60 regiments of cavalry belonging to the German Confederation. Eight of these regiments are Cuirassiers, 16 Uhlans (or Lancers), 17 are Hussars, and 19 Dragoons. The Cuirassiers are essentially heavy cavalry, and actually wear their cuirasses in war, unlike the Austrian Cuirassiers in 1866, who had laid aside their defensive armour during the campaign. The opinion seems to be that the cuirasses are useful, and it is certain that many lives have been saved by them during the campaign. For offensive weapons the Cuirassier has a sword and pistol; but the necessity for better firearms has been gradually recognized, and it is probable that in future all German cavalry will be armed with breech-loading carbines, or with revolvers of considerable range furnished with butts, so that the weapons can be used as pistols when the men are on horseback, and turned into carbines if they dismount and fight on foot.

The so-called Uhlans, after their Polish originals. They are heavy cavalry, and though not quite so heavy as the Cuirassiers, may fairly be spoken of as "big men on big horses." A Uhlan carries, besides his lance, a sword and pistol. With lancer cap, copied like our own from the Poles, worn jauntily on one side of his head, the Uhlan rides, with one companion at least, over the enemy's country, sometimes many miles in front of the army to which he belongs, advances boldly into villages or farm-houses, demands food and forage from the trembling inhabitants, gets what news he can, and sends it back, if important, to his commander. But in this work he is not the sole actor, for the Dragoons and Hussars perform similar duties and come somehow to be called Uhlans by the country people, whose minds are oppressed with terror of the German cavalry soldiers.

The Hussar and the Dragoon are counted as light cavalry, and are armed with sword and carbine, the latter a breechloader with *undoubted* efficiency. As a proof of the long-denied superiority of the French weapon, and as a mark of the growing importance of firearms, 15 men per squadron in many of the German Hussar and Dragoon regiments have been supplied with Chassepot carbines taken from the French, so that they will no longer be annoyed by seeing the enemy ride off in cool shots at them from distances beyond their own effective fire. The Hussar may be recognized by his fur cap, the Uhlan by his lancer cap, the Cuirassier by his helmet with cuirass, and the Dragoon by his helmet without defensive armour. These helmets sit down well on the head and form a steady and comfortable covering, stiff and strong enough to cause many a sword stroke to glance off, though they are easily penetrated by bullets and even by clean sheer sabre cuts.

An army in the field is kept surrounded by a mist of mounted men, through which no spies can penetrate without extreme danger, nor can the enemy obtain information except by making a reconnaissance in force. The moment a body of Frenchmen is seen advancing, signals are made by the most advanced of the horsemen, and the news flies back rapidly to the General, who makes his dispositions to meet the coming danger. Under such well regulated instructions as are given to the Prussians no sudden attack upon them ought to be possible, and the King may well have said, as he is reported to have done when he heard of young Garibaldi's exploit, "Germans have no business to be surprised."

At the outset of the campaign, when France had suddenly declared war, the Prussian cavalry were brought into requisition at once. It will be remembered that there was much wonder in England because the French seemed unable to know what their enemy was about. The reason was simple. Ten thousand cavalry were sent at once to the frontier, and their perfect power of keeping watch was the first symptom of the superiority of the Prussian system. Every avenue of ingress or egress was watched, and not a dog could cross the frontier but Uhlan, Dragoon, or Hussar had his eyes upon him. These men carry a light equipment, no heavy sheepskin or valise. They wear long boots and carry in wallets a pair of shoes and the few things which are really necessary. A light shabracque and valise, which nobody need envy, of course, load